



October 17, 2011

Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER III

Dear Mr. Secretary,  
This letter conveys my support for the Port of Northern Montana Multimodal Hub Center.

Constructing a multimodal rail facility in Shelby, Montana would support Northern Seed's vision to **boost agricultural production by providing quality seeds, seed treatment, and services to our growers for their supply to millers and end users with the highest quality grain.**

Identifying the origin of food ingredients and food sources is of prime importance to consumers, particularly where food products may be faulty and risk consumer protection. The traceability of containerized cargos enables consumers with targeted and accurate information about food products during different stages from processing to distribution and facilitates the withdrawal of food from the market during a recall or quality audit.

Montana is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest State in the nation yet it does not have the ability to ship or receive containerized cargos for import or export due to the lack of a multimodal facility capable of accepting and delivering unit trains of containers.

This project will construct Montana's first multimodal facility to facilitate the export of value added food commodities and manufactured products--a nationally and regionally significant commercial and accomplishment.

As funding applications are evaluated, I would hope that you would carefully consider the merits of this project.

Sincerely,

Ron Ueland

Owner