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Table H3-1: Response to DEIS Business Comments

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20	Alliance Coatings, LLC	Turner	Bruce	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support • Other 	<p>Hello, I am contacting you because I am very interested in the West Lake Corridor Project. As a resident of NWI for over 25 years, I would love to take part in the successful completion of such a large and beneficial project right here in NWI. I am curious about an invitation to bid, or bidding opportunities for my company which is based in NWI. Alliance Coatings LLC is a relatively new company with the absolute best men in the business from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades local #460 located in Merrillville. To have local men and women participate in the West Lake Corridor Project would be a huge advantage for the people of NWI. Alliance Coatings would consider it a major sense of pride to be involved with a project that our families will value so deeply. Below is our website containing general and contact information. Please keep us in mind, no matter the stage of the project, for contracting and subcontracting opportunities. Sincerely,</p> <p>Bruce Turner http://alliancecoatingsllc.com info@alliancecoatingsllc.com</p>	<p>See Master Response #26 regarding support for the Project.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the Project. For details on the Project schedule, please see the website http://www.nictdwestlake.com/about.</p> <p>The publication of this FEIS/ROD would complete the NEPA environmental review phase. The Project would advance to the design and construction phases in 2018. Construction is scheduled for 2019–2021. Bidding opportunities would be open to all contractors. Please check the Project website for updates on this process as they become available.</p>
21	Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage	Poskin	Jen	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Acquisitions 	<p>Hello, I attended the Lake County on Track breakfast last week at Wicker Park, and part of the presentation was in regards to properties that would need to be acquired in order to install the new station and track. I have a listing that is located at 4410 Johnson Avenue in Hammond. Would someone be able to tell me whether this property would be affected? I would like to advise potential buyers as soon as possible. Thank you, Jen</p>	<p>The property at 4410 Johnson Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, is outside the Project footprint and thus would not be affected.</p>
22	Do Good Productions	PJ	Nelson	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Involvement/NEPA Process • Funding/Taxes/Referendum 	<p>Nice talking with you last week. As you know I love the South Shore, so let's keep that in mind. I am interested in getting some numbers to refute some of the arguments on the group I run (loosely run by the way, I hope everyone knows that I originally created the site so people wouldn't clog up my neighborhood watch group). A main argument of the opposition is that the train benefits very little of the population. I think it benefits many and would like to make a valid point. I'd like to get numbers on estimated "daily commuters" which I think I saw 3,500 as well as total rider count of 2016. Also, I'd like to know what grants IL & Chicago currently give to the South Shore Line as well as projected grant/fiscal support they would give once the West Lake Corridor is completed or under construction. I know this is public record and I can probably find if I dig long enough but my time is very limited (as yours!).</p> <p>Right now, the discussion is now evolving into a more civil discussion with the exception of some very vocal opponents. There's good points made on both sides of the issue from what I see when I check in to make sure everyone is being nice. I noticed Mike Noland requested to join the group and I'm sure there are some other NICTD, NIRPC or RDA Town of Munster employees on the site. Out of respect to the people in the group I mentioned that some administrators of various public groups may be interested in our conversation and dialogue. I requested to correspond with Mr. Noland before having him join the group so I can: A) prep him for the conversation and warn him he may be bombarded once joining, and B) Ask</p>	<p>See Master Response #26 regarding support for the Project.</p> <p>See Master Response #33 regarding ridership estimates.</p> <p>See Master Response #13 regarding funding and taxes.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the Project. Please note that all comments and communications are part of the record for the FEIS.</p>



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						<p>what level of involvement he or NICTD would hope to have in the group.</p> <p>There is a little self preservation taking play here. I didn't know the extent of the capital I would have to spend on the group and now I'm in the thick of it whether I like it or not. My wife owns a business and I'm rooted in Munster so many people know me personally or professionally now so I am hesitant to do anything that would anger certain factions of the group that can negatively impact those areas. I'm not looking for sympathy, ha, just wanted to convey why I have to navigate carefully right now. I've thought about shutting down the group but that may not be the right move right now.</p> <p>Thanks again for being so nice. I hope your schedule opens up and your job gets easier as the days progress. Please email me with any concerns you may have as well. Our email conversation of course will be off the record.</p>	
23	Northwest Indiana Area Health Education Center	Behrens, RN MBA	Sandy	Comment Form	• Support	This will be great to help me attract new healthcare professionals to the area. – Northwest Indiana Area Health Education Center	See Master Response #26 regarding support for the Project.
24A	Robinson Engineering, LTD	Gilmore	Harry	Online Comment Form	• None	[BLANK]	No response due to blank entry.
24B	Robinson Engineering, LTD	Gilmore	Harry	Phone	• Other	Harry Gilmore, Robinson Engineering: We have a project adjacent to this one and would like to speak with you . My number for your follow-up is: 815-412-2711.	Thank you for your contact information. NICTD will be in contact with the Town of Dyer to discuss coordination on these projects.
24C	Robinson Engineering, LTD	Gilmore, Jr., PE	Harry	Email	• Other	<p>For the past several years our office has been working with the Village of Lynwood and the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOH) on a project that would include the extension of Main Street west of Sheffield Avenue to west of Burnham Avenue in the Village of Lynwood, Illinois. Both the Towns of Munster and Dyer have participated in portions of the study, as has the Village of Lansing, Illinois (in particular the Lansing Airport). I would like to initiate/open communications between the two projects that include similar transportation issues, concerns and, in particular, roadway alignments. Please contact me via to begin our open communications.</p> <p>Harry L. Gilmore, Jr., PE</p>	Thank you for your contact information. NICTD will be in contact with the Town of Dyer to discuss coordination on these projects.