LETTER FROM IRTBA’s CHAIRMAN

The world and the way we do business has changed a lot in 2020. The transportation design and construction industry has been deemed an essential business by Executive Order. Because our industry is essential, we have continued to work on the design, maintenance, and expansion of vital IDOT, Tollway, CDOT, aviation, county, and municipal projects. We are contributing to getting through this crisis by maintaining a paid and productive workforce so our workers are able to provide for their families, and by doing our part to keep the critical medical and food supply chain and workforces moving.

Throughout this public health crisis – one thing has remained constant – the IRTBA is here for our members.

IRTBA’s commitment to uninterrupted contact with agency and government officials has kept projects and active contracts going in a safe and efficient manner. Every member has implemented health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of their workforce and the general public, and the IRTBA has reassured labor and government of industry’s continued commitment to the welfare of its workforce and the general public. The association has also been advocating for industry with legislators about bad for business legislation that would cripple the transportation design and construction industry’s ability to perform work and help aid in the economic recovery of our State. The Road Builders’ political capital remains at an all-time high.

Your association is also devoted to serving as an information-sharing resource to bring members up-to-date information on our Pandemic Preparedness Resources webpage, which now houses more than 340 publications. This intel includes general guidance for businesses and employers, legislative and agency updates, information about safety best practices, resources on the topics of legal, financial, taxes, insurance and benefits, CARES Act, Family Medical Leave and Families First Act, medical resources, information about work stoppages, and more. The association has continued to publish weekly communications via our Friday Facts eNewsletter, and periodic special news bulletins via our IRTBA Insider eNewsletter to members.

IRTBA has been hosting one to two timely and useful e-learning opportunities each week via Road Builder University webinars so that members can stay informed on the many changes that have resulted from the COVID-19 public health crisis. These webinars are FREE to our members. Topics include community forums with legislators and agency heads, as well as COVID-related topics that are impacting businesses, such as safety policies; updates on agencies, legislative, economic, legal, financial, small business loans, insurance and benefits, diversity, and tax issues -- as well as general guidance for businesses and employers. Members can access e-learning live, which includes the opportunity to ask questions, or they can explore our on-demand learning library to catch up on the most relevant topics at their convenience.

Even though many in the industry may be working from home or practicing social distancing, our IRTBA community has remained connected and informed through our steady supply of virtual committee meetings and agency forums. Many thanks to our members and agency partners who volunteer and participate to keep industry and agencies in touch and communicating issues in the field, and prevent disruptions to our transportation network that has helped keep Illinois’ economy moving. Select meetings have been opened up to the entire membership to participate via video conference, including our IDOT District One Forum and Tollway Cooperative Committees. The IRTBA Planning & Design Board of Directors meeting in July will also be opened up to all members to attend and will include a virtual meeting opportunity with IDOT Secretary Omer Osman. The IRTBA will also host a series of virtual town hall meetings with legislators from both sides of the aisle who will focus on budget, labor, transportation, and clean energy topics -- stay tuned for more on that.

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Throughout this crisis, IRTBA has continued to remain dedicated toward accomplishing the goals set forth in our Strategic Plan. IRTBA works toward accomplishing goals set forth in our Strategic Plan. Five specific areas are highlighted:

1. IRTBA will be the successful leader and advocate for stimulating increased funding at all levels for the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois;
2. IRTBA will be its members’ indispensable resource for networking, training, education, and business services;
3. IRTBA will be the recognized authoritative public voice and credible information source for the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois;
4. IRTBA will play an active role in addressing diversity within the industry; and
5. IRTBA will be a leader in establishing and implementing sensible and innovative environmental practices.

IRTBA staff has compiled a detailed list of the many accomplishments the association has achieved through the first and second quarters of this year, so be sure to check that out.

While transportation has traditionally been taken for granted, it has enabled Illinois to move. To most, the "how" of goods moving from place to place, country to country, time zone to time zone isn’t important, it simply is the price of doing business in the modern world. For those of us in the transportation world however, this is precisely what we do; design, build, and maintain the very systems for making Illinois businesses and families run safely and effectively. Without them, the economy and lives would stand still.

The Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association is committed – through its 82 years of service – to continue to provide a future that is fast, safe, and efficient; striving to advance and promote the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois. Whether roadways, airports, bridges, waterways or public transit; the bottom line is; transportation built Illinois. The state must continue to lead the nation in innovation, safety, and construction of our transportation systems. Infrastructure will be critical for the recovery of both Illinois’ economy and the restoration of our nation’s economy.

I want to thank every member for their commitment to keep Illinois moving during this pandemic. The IRTBA will always continue to work for you and for every citizen in our great state. We’re facing this uncertainty together. As always, please feel free to reach out to me or the IRTBA staff with any questions or if there is anything we can do to help.

I look forward to continuing to work together as the IRTBA strives to accomplish our goals and aid in the recovery of Illinois’ economy as the most effective force for the transportation design and construction industry.

Sincerely,

John Kapovich
IRTBA Chairman 2020-21
The Association's prime objective is to **advance and promote the transportation industry** throughout the state of Illinois. Our success is shared equally by all contractors and designers, regardless of their specialty. The IRTBA provides a single voice for the transportation construction industry to influence the legislative and executive branches of government. We lobby both Washington and Springfield to aid and protect the construction industry from ill-advised laws and/or costly regulations, and to ensure that elected officials do not neglect to fund the capital and maintenance projects that are necessary to keep our economy moving.

Our advocacy efforts also include the joint industry / public agency committees such as the IDOT Springfield Policy and Cooperative committees, and local committees in Chicago, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, as well as with the Illinois Tollway. Our Design and Construction Research Committee is on the cutting edge of developing programs to facilitate communication and the transfer of information between members and government.

An important aspect of our membership is the focus on **relationship building opportunities**. We sponsor three General Membership Meetings every year, which draw over 400 members and guests. We also provide specialized informational meetings and webinars, as well as the largest construction industry golf outing, and an Annual Meeting & Contractor of the Year Awards Ceremony. This latter meeting, held in December, attracts over 1,500 contractors and government officials in the heavy highways and transit industry. Of growing interest are our annual conventions. Our 36th Annual Convention will be held in the Bahamas.

We are also a service organization providing information to aid your business such as Bid Results, Award Amounts, Special Provisions, Labor Contract Negotiations, Current Labor Wage Rates, Collective Bargaining Rights Negotiations for contractors, legislative changes, and much more. Most of the time we provide this on our website – which allows our members immediate access to information. Because of the intrinsic value of much of this information, the IRTBA Board has directed that much of it be available to Members Only. Therefore, upon application, you will be asked to develop a personal login and password that will enable you to access this privileged information.

We also publish an **industry directory** and an **electronic directory** annually, which lists all of our members, as well as offers other important contact information for material suppliers, professional services, state agencies, and related industry organizations. Nicknamed the “Bible of the Industry,” no other publication offers all of this contact information in the same place. The first copy of the Transportation Directory is **FREE** to our members, and sells for $220.00 per copy to non-members. The eDirectory and Buyer’s Guide is an exclusive member benefit – offering unlimited, mobile access to members only.

Of particular interest to you may be our **Members First Program**, which is designed to ensure the highest quality of service and materials to the contracting industry. By being a member of the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association, a member pledges to deliver the highest quality of service to another member. In return, that company will be considered first when these goods and services are required. IRTBA is, in essence, exactly what a membership organization is designed to be – a marketplace of goods and services of the highest caliber.

Thank you for your interest in joining our association. Enclosed is additional information about the benefits of becoming an IRTBA member. We look forward to serving you in advancing our common interests in which the industry advances and promotes a fast, safe, and efficient transportation system in the State of Illinois. In the interim, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Avani Shah  
Membership Coordinator
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

ADVOCACY

- One Voice representing the industry
- Grassroots Efforts (Meetings with Illinois Legislators, testimony at various public hearings, PR campaigns)
- Washington Fly-Ins (Meetings with Congressional Delegation)
- Partnership with American Road & Transportation Builders Assn.
- Agency Cooperative Partnerships:
  - IDOT
  - Tollway
  - CDOT
  - METRA
  - CTA
  - Aviation (CDA)
  - Cook County
  - DuPage County
  - Kane County
  - Lake County
  - McHenry County
  - Will County

BUILDING BETTER BUSINESSES

- General Membership Meetings
- Research & Technology
- Committee Opportunities
- Seminars & Educational Opportunities
- Networking Opportunities – Contractor of the Year Awards Dinner, Golf Outing, & Annual Convention

PUBLIC INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS

- Advocacy Campaigns
- Letters to the Editor
- Friday Facts Weekly Industry Newsletter
- Transportation Industry Directory
- Website & Social Networking Updates

COMMITMENT TO WORK FORCE DIVERSITY

- Provide research of diversity market trends
- Focused efforts to improve minority education opportunities
- Support for a non-exclusionary increase in growth of small businesses
- Negotiate for workforce diversity with union contracts

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

- Advocate for acceptance of more sustainable, innovative, technical & regulatory practices
- Partnerships with a variety of public, private & educational institutions
- Measuring & maintaining sustainability progress within the industry
- Educational opportunities

OUR MISSION: To advance and promote the transportation design and construction industry in Illinois
2020 Membership Application
Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association
500 Park Blvd ◆ Suite 1250 ◆ Itasca, IL 60143 ◆ Phone (630) 773-1220 ◆ Fax (630) 773-1231

- Application for Membership is hereby made by the below listed firm for membership to the Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association.
- Membership dues are payable in advance and will be paid each year until written resignation has been presented to the Board of Directors.
- 50 percent off *first year rates are offered to IDOT or CDOT certified DBE firms
  *Returning members do not qualify for discount. Proof of certification is required to receive discount.

Please check the category that best matches your firm’s transportation revenue Illinois.

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**Common Ownerships are subsidiary companies of current member firms who may join the IRTBA for the purpose of assigning bargaining rights through the IRTBA.
*Sustainability Council (SC) membership can only be added in conjunction with the purchase of IRTBA membership. SC dues are assessed annually and may be opted out of at any time. SC membership gives its members access to one free ticket to their annual meeting and exposure on IRTBA’s website as SC members.

Online Application available at www.irtba.org

Annual Dues $ __________ Date: __________
Firm: __________________________________________
Contact Name: ____________________________________
Title: ___________________________________________
Business Address: __________________________________
City: __________________ State: _____ Zip: ________
Phone: (               ) ___________________________
Fax: (               ) _____________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Company Website: __________________________________
I was recommended to this Association by (individual’s name):
_________________________________________________

Is your firm a Certified DBE, MBE, WBE or VOSB?
*Proof of certification is required. Please submit certificate with application.
Circle One: YES OR NO Which Certification: __________

Would you like to receive the following email communications?
__ Event Notices & Members Only Emails
__ Friday Facts Weekly eNewsletter

Membership Payment Options (please check one):
__ Attached is my check made payable to the Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association
__ Charge credit card: 
  Circle Card Type: Visa  MC  AMEX  Exp. Date: __________
Name on Card: ________________________________________
Cardholder Address: ___________________________________
Signature: ____________________________________________

For office use only.
Date Application Received _______20__
Date Application Approved _______20__

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IRTBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 23, 2020
Sustainability Council Annual Meeting

January 14, 2020
The Secret of Fraud Prevention
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

February 7-13, 2020
IRTBA 35th Annual Convention

March 23, 2020
Construction Continuity with COVID-19: IDOT to Address IRTBA Members
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

March 26, 2020
M/W/DBE Compliance & Certification
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

April 3, 2020
CARES Act Becomes Law: Will You Secure Your Piece of the $2 Trillion Pie?
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

April 9, 2020
Virtual Town Hall with Senate President Don Harmon
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

April 16, 2020
Virtual Town Hall: Collar County Engineers
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

April 20-24, 2020
Work Zone Safety Awareness Week

April 21, 2020
Virtual Town Hall: How COVID-19 is Impacting Transit Agencies
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

April 24, 2020
Navigating Employment & Labor Issues in the COVID Era
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar
IRTBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May 6, 2020
Tracking Federal Regulatory Changes
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

May 8, 2020
COVID-19: Economic Fallout
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

May 12, 2020
A Conversation with the CDOT Commissioner
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

May 26, 2020 - CANCELLED
General Membership Meeting

May 28, 2020
Revisiting the 2020 Economic & Construction Outlook: A Mid-Pandemic Perspective
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

June 2, 2020
Excavation Hazards in Construction
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

June 4, 2020
Position Your Business to Thrive in the 'New Normal'
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

June 9, 2020
Aviation Update: Forum with CDA Commissioner Jamie Rhee
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

June 25, 2020
Primes & Subs - Navigating Relationships
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

July 8, 2020
Mastering Bid Protests: Concerning Contracts with the Illinois Tollway and IDOT
Virtual eLearning / Road Builder University Webinar

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IRTBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July 21, 2020
Planning & Design Virtual Board Meeting
with Special Guest Speaker IDOT Secretary Omer Osman

September 10, 2020
General Membership Meeting

September 22, 2020
IRTBA 40th Annual Golf Outing

October 18-21, 2020
ARTBA National Convention

October 29, 2020
General Membership Meeting

December 10, 2020
83rd Annual Meeting & Contractor of the Year Awards
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- New Member Profile Features

- Links to Social Media
Partnership Announcement

Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association (IRTBA) members continue to enjoy savings through the Enterprise Fleet Management Affinity Program for the 2021 model year.

Enterprise is a full-service fleet management business that helps IRTBA members streamline their fleet, improve cash flow and optimize operations every step of the way. From acquisition and risk management, to maintenance and remarketing, Enterprise provides IRTBA members with quick, easy and personal access to a local account team who will handle all of the day-to-day fleet needs.

IRTBA Member Benefits & Discounts

- Enterprise negotiates highest available incentive from any manufacturer on your behalf
- Option to order direct from the factory or to access dealer inventory across the country
- Fuel rebates up to $0.05 per gallon with access to over 90% of U.S. retail fuel stations
- Save up to 25% on accident management programs with experienced claims representatives
- Maintenance programs with service advice can save clients up to 15% of their fleet maintenance expenses
- Gain 10% greater net returns on vehicles with normal wear than the wholesale market average

IRTBA Member Testimonials

“Our company has been able to save both on vehicle expenses and time involved managing the fleet... their knowledge of the industry, combined with attention to detail and care for the client, has led to positive results.” - Kevin J. Fitzpatrick, P.E., Executive Vice President, Benesch

“We have worked with Enterprise for nearly 25 years, and have experienced significant hard and soft cost savings. Our Enterprise Fleet Management team has helped our business become more efficient, while decreasing the total cost to own a vehicle.” - Jack Horn, CFO, Pirtano Construction

- Currently, 60 IRTBA members are working with Enterprise to manage over 3,000 vehicles.
- IRTBA members saved over $500,000 on vehicle purchases through Enterprise during the 2020 model year.

Learn more about this exciting partnership and let us help you find vehicle savings you can put back into your business.

CONTACT: Jason Szabo  I  (630) 534-7717  I  Jason.C.Szabo@efleets.com
Special Offer!!

ONE FREE TICKET
39th Annual Golf Outing
September 22, 2020
Cog Hill Golf & Country Club
12294 Archer Avenue
Lemont, IL

Take advantage of this great offer! The Free Ticket offer is limited to use one time per member firm. Returning members and Common Ownership members are not eligible. If you need more information, please contact Avani Shah at (630) 626-3577 or email avani@irtba.org