

Appendix 2

Cost Estimate and Funding Commitment Letters



**STATE OF NEVADA-DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PROJECT WORKSHEET**

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 County Clark/Lincoln

Subject Cost Estimate
 Date 7/25/2023
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Work Days = **150**
 Fence Install = **\$30/LF**

Unit of Work	Unit	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Item Cost
2020585	ACRE	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	122.4	\$750.00	\$91,800
2020585	LINEAR FOOT	REMOVAL OF FENCE	4000.0	\$18.00	\$72,000
2110160	ACRE	RESEEDING	122.4	\$4,000.00	\$489,600
6161080	LINEAR FOOT	TORTOISE FENCE	370022.4	\$30.00	\$11,100,672
6100190	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP (CLASS 300)	200.0	\$225.00	\$45,000
6100470	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP BEDDING (CLASS 300)	87.5	\$350.00	\$30,625
2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT (BACKFILL RIPRAP)	562.5	\$150.00	\$84,375
	LUMP SUM	Cactus Salvage (assumes average cost of \$150/plant)			\$272,400
	DAY RATE	Biological Monitoring (assumes 3 Biologists at a Day Rate of \$1000/day)			\$450,000
Sub Total					\$12,636,472
6240130	FA	UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER			\$210,000
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (150 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$225,000
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 3%			\$379,094
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$1,263,647
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$18,955
Sub Total					\$2,101,696
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$1,768,580
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$126,365
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 5%			\$631,824
Sub Total					\$2,527,268
		PUBLIC OUTREACH (SOCIAL MEDIA AND UP TO 4 BOOTH EVENTS)			\$25,000
		BLM REMOTE MONITORING (10 CULVERTS AND 15 TURNAROUNDS FOR 3 YEARS)			\$200,000
		NEPA PROCESS, PERMITTING, AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING			\$450,000
		ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL			\$50,000
Sub Total					\$725,000
TOTAL					\$17,990,437

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2020585	LINEAR FOOT	REMOVAL OF FENCE	4000.0	\$18.00	\$72,000
3020130	TON	TYPE 2 CLASS B AGGREGATE BASE	125296.0	\$25.00	\$3,132,400
3070200	TON	SHOULDERING MATERIAL (LOW DUST)	18733.0	\$65.00	\$1,217,644
6161080	LINEAR FOOT	TORTOISE FENCE	370022.4	\$30.00	\$11,100,672
6100190	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP (CLASS 300)	200.0	\$225.00	\$45,000
6100470	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP BEDDING (CLASS 300)	87.5	\$350.00	\$30,625
2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT (BACKFILL RIPRAP)	562.5	\$150.00	\$84,375
	LUMP SUM	Cactus Salvage (assumes average cost of \$150/plant)			\$272,400
	DAY RATE	Biological Monitoring (assumes 3 Biologists at a Day Rate of \$1000/day)			\$450,000
Sub Total					\$16,496,915
6240130	FA	UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER			\$210,000
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (150 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$225,000
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 3%			\$494,907
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$1,649,692
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$24,745
Sub Total					\$2,609,344
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$2,292,751
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$164,969
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 3%			\$494,907
Sub Total					\$2,953,128
		PUBLIC OUTREACH (SOCIAL MEDIA AND UP TO 4 BOOTH EVENTS)			\$25,000
		BLM REMOTE MONITORING (10 CULVERTS AND 15 TURNAROUNDS FOR 3 YEARS)			\$200,000
		NEPA PROCESS, PERMITTING, AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING			\$450,000
		ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL			\$50,000
Sub Total					\$725,000
TOTAL					\$22,784,387

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6161080	LINEAR FOOT	TORTOISE FENCE	370022.4	\$30.00	\$11,100,672
6100190	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP (CLASS 300)	200.0	\$225.00	\$45,000
6100470	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP BEDDING (CLASS 300)	87.5	\$350.00	\$30,625
2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT (BACKFILL RIPRAP)	562.5	\$150.00	\$84,375
	LUMP SUM	Cactus Salvage (assumes average cost of \$150/plant)			\$272,400
	DAY RATE	Biological Monitoring (assumes 3 Biologists at a Day Rate of \$1000/day)			\$540,000
Sub Total					\$12,726,472
6240130	FA	UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER			\$210,000
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (150 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$270,000
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 3%			\$381,794
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$1,272,647
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$19,090
Sub Total					\$2,158,531
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$1,786,200
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$127,265
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 5%			\$636,324
Sub Total					\$2,550,289
		PUBLIC OUTREACH (SOCIAL MEDIA AND UP TO 4 BOOTH EVENTS)			\$25,000
		BLM REMOTE MONITORING (10 CULVERTS AND 15 TURNAROUNDS FOR 3 YEARS)			\$200,000
		NEPA PROCESS, PERMITTING, AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING			\$450,000
		ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL			\$50,000
Sub Total					\$725,000
TOTAL					\$18,160,292

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3070200	TON	SHOULDERING MATERIAL (LOW DUST)	18733.0	\$65.00	\$1,217,644
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2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT (BACKFILL RIPRAP)	562.5	\$150.00	\$84,375
	LUMP SUM	Cactus Salvage (assumes average cost of \$150/plant)			\$272,400
	DAY RATE	Biological Monitoring (assumes 3 Biologists at a Day Rate of \$1000/day)			\$540,000
Sub Total					\$16,586,915
6240130	FA	UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER			\$210,000
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (150 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$270,000
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 3%			\$497,607
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$1,658,692
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$24,880
Sub Total					\$2,666,179
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$2,310,371
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$165,869
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 3%			\$497,607
Sub Total					\$2,974,348
		PUBLIC OUTREACH (SOCIAL MEDIA AND UP TO 4 BOOTH EVENTS)			\$25,000
		BLM REMOTE MONITORING (10 CULVERTS AND 15 TURNAROUNDS FOR 3 YEARS)			\$200,000
		NEPA PROCESS, PERMITTING, AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING			\$450,000
		ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL			\$50,000
Sub Total					\$725,000
TOTAL					\$22,952,442

MP	Cactus Count Estimate	Cost @ \$150/plant	
CL 75-84	40	\$6,000	
CL 84 - LN 2	900	\$135,000	Assumptions: miles=4.5, heavy Yucca count v
LN 2-3	300	\$45,000	Assumptions: miles=1, med-heavy Yucca cou
LN 3-5	160	\$24,000	Assumptions: miles=2, low Yucca count with 1
LN 5-7	40	\$6,000	Assumptions: miles=2, low Yucca count with 1
LN 7-11	0	\$0	Assumptions: miles=4, zero cactus observed 1
LN 11-17	36	\$5,400	Assumptions: miles=6, zero Yucca low density
LN 17-19	40	\$6,000	Assumptions: miles=2, low density cactus mo
LN 19-22	300	\$45,000	Assumptions: miles=3, medium density cactu
	Total	\$272,400	

y cactus mostly Cholla within ROW, access roads not well established or missing each side of ROW, salvage=3/m

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2020585	LINEAR FOOT	REMOVAL OF FENCE	100	\$18.00	\$1,800
6161080	LINEAR FOOT	TORTOISE FENCE	200	\$25.00	\$5,000
6100190	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP (CLASS 300)	25	\$225.00	\$5,625
6100470	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP BEDDING (CLASS 300)	10	\$350.00	\$3,500
2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT (BACKFILL RIPRAP)	10	\$150.00	\$1,500
Sub Total					\$17,425
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 15%			\$2,614
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (5 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$7,500
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$1,743
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$26
Sub Total					\$34,307
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$4,117
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$343
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 15%			\$5,146
Total					\$44,413

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2020585	LINEAR FOOT	REMOVAL OF FENCE	200	\$18.00	\$3,600
6161080	LINEAR FOOT	TORTOISE FENCE	400	\$25.00	\$10,000
6100200	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP (CLASS 300)	55	\$300.00	\$16,500
6100470	CUBIC YARD	RIPRAP BEDDING (CLASS 300)	25	\$400.00	\$10,000
2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT (BACKFILL RIPRAP)	15	\$150.00	\$2,250
Sub Total					\$42,350
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 15%			\$6,353
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (5 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$7,500
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$4,235
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$64
Sub Total					\$65,501
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$7,860
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$655
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 15%			\$9,825
Total					\$84,341

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2020585	LINEAR FOOT	REMOVAL OF FENCE	75	\$18.00	\$1,350
6161080	LINEAR FOOT	TORTOISE FENCE	150	\$25.00	\$3,750
2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT	10	\$150.00	\$1,500
Sub Total					\$6,600
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 15%			\$990
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (3 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$4,500
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$660
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$10
Sub Total					\$17,760
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$2,131
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$178
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 15%			\$2,664
Total					\$23,233

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2020585	LINEAR FOOT	REMOVAL OF FENCE	250	\$18.00	\$4,500
6161080	LINEAR FOOT	TORTOISE FENCE	500	\$25.00	\$12,500
2030230	CUBIC YARD	BORROW EMBANKMENT (BACKFILL RIPRAP)	40	\$150.00	\$6,000
Sub Total					\$23,000
6250490	LUMP SUM	RENT TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES @ 15%			\$3,450
6240140	DAY	TRAFFIC CONTROL SUPERVISOR (3 DAYS @ \$1500 PER DAY)			\$4,500
6280120	LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION @ 10%			\$2,300
6370110	LUMP SUM	TEMPORARY POLLUTION CONTROL			\$5,000
6370190	LUMP SUM	DUST CONTROL @ 0.15%			\$35
Sub Total					\$38,285
7342100	LUMP SUM	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING @ 12%			\$4,594
7360020	LUMP SUM	PARTNERING			\$500
7360050	LUMP SUM	INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION @ 1% (\$60,000 MIN TO \$150,000 MAX)			\$383
7432000	LUMP SUM	CONTINGENCIES @ 15%			\$5,743
Total					\$49,504



August 21, 2024

Attn: Ms. Tracy Larkin Thomason, PE
Director
Nevada Department of Transportation
1263 South Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89712

Re: Funding Commitment for the Coyote Springs Wildlife Crossings Project

Dear Ms. Thomason,

The Coyote Springs Wildlife Crossings project would result in the installation of tortoise exclusionary fencing along 33 miles of highway through designated desert tortoise critical habitat. Installation of exclusionary fencing has been demonstrated as a highly effective means of reducing desert tortoise population declines in habitats adjacent to roads and highways and this stretch of the U.S. 93 highway is the last segment of highway within critical habitat to remain unfenced within the state. Completing this project would aid in accomplishing important recovery goals for the species as outlined in the 2011 Revised Recovery Plan for the Mojave Population of the Desert Tortoise and would ultimately result in fewer vehicle-wildlife collisions and desert tortoise mortalities.

The Clark County Desert Conservation Program administers the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and associated Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit. Condition N of the incidental take permit requires the retrofit, repair and construction of tortoise proof fencing along roads and highways within the MSHCP Plan Area. As partial mitigation under the MSHCP and associated Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit, the Desert Conservation Program is committed to providing matching funds in the amount of \$200,000 to support the Nevada Department of Transportation's application for the Coyote Springs Wildlife Crossings Project under the Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program Grant. This budget item will be included in the upcoming 2025-2027 Implementation Plan and Budget for the Clark County MSHCP, which must be approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners before it becomes effective. Once approved, funds will be available after July 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Jenkins
Principal Environmental Specialist
Clark County Desert Conservation Program



**Southeastern Lincoln County
Habitat Conservation Office**

**P.O. Box 329 # 114, Pioche, Nevada 89043
Telephone 775-962-8069**

August 27, 2024

**Ms. Tracy Larkin Thomason, PE
Director
Nevada Department of Transportation
1263 South Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89712**

Re: Coyote Springs Tortoise Crossing Project

Dear Ms. Thomason,

Southeastern Lincoln County Habitat Conservation Plan supports the Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) Coyote Springs Tortoise Crossings project. Our office is committed to providing funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 towards the construction costs associated with this project.

The SLCHCP board met on August 21st, 2024 and have approved this commitment. This project addresses our Recommended Priority Number (RPN) one of our Habitat Conservation Plan and would help protect vulnerable desert tortoise populations along Highway 93.

We look forward to working with NDOT on this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Faehling, Administrator

SOUTHEASTERN LINCOLN COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN



COYOTE SPRINGS INVESTMENT, LLC

August 20, 2024

Ms. Tracy Larkin-Thomason, PE, Director
Nevada Department of Transportation
1263 South Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada 89712

RE: Letter of IN-KIND Support for Nevada Dept. Transportation project

Dear Ms. Larkin-Thomason:

Coyote Springs Investment LLC (“CSI”) is writing to offer in-kind support of a project to install wildlife crossings in the Coyote Spring valley area of Southern Nevada being proposed by Nevada Dept. of Transportation (“NDOT”) as set forth in this letter.

CSI owns the Coyote Springs Master Planned Community in Southern Nevada (the “Coyote Springs MPC”). The Coyote Springs MPC spans two counties and encompasses more than 43,000 acres. Coyote Springs MPC is a fully approved and entitled master planned community with 40-year development agreements in two Nevada counties: Clark and Lincoln counties. Those development agreements allow CSI to develop 110,000 residential units, associated non-residential commercial, recreation, community facilities and infrastructure, and industrial, and over 9000 acres of renewable energy generation in Lincoln County, Nevada; and allow CSI to develop 49,600 residential units, associated non-residential commercial, resort-gaming, recreation, community facilities and infrastructure, and industrial in Clark County, Nevada.

CSI and NDOT enjoy a long-standing cooperative relationship. CSI and NDOT often work together in the region. Among other cooperative acts, CSI has over the years provided, at no cost, water for NDOT’s dust control on nearby projects. We look forward to continuing a successful working relationship through the development of the Coyote Springs MPC.

CSI supports NDOT’s application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration 2024-2026 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant for the Coyote Springs Wildlife Crossing Project (the “NDOT-CSWC”).

Use of the words or phrase “*Coyote Springs*” is more than just the Coyote Springs MPC. The Coyote Springs MPC is located within the Coyote Spring Valley basin in Southern Nevada, which is the region subject of the NDOT-CSWC.

This project will take place in the Coyote Spring Valley, but not within the private property owned by CSI. This project (NDOT-CSWC) is neither an obligation of CSI nor the Coyote Springs MPC. However, CSI supports NDOT’s efforts for the NDOT-CSWC.

CSI understands the NDOT-CSWC project would construct tortoise fencing along 33 miles of US 93 adjacent to critical Mojave Desert tortoise habitat in NDOT's right-of-way. According to NDOT, this 33-mile stretch is the last segment of this species' critical habitat to be un-fenced in Southern Nevada.

CSI understands that wildlife-vehicle collisions negatively impact recovery efforts for tortoises, and this proposed work will aid those impacts by keeping tortoises safely away from roads and high traffic areas.

To CSI's knowledge, the tortoise population within Coyote Springs MPC area is healthy and not suffering from raven predation or disease. NDOT informs CSI that wildlife-vehicle collisions are the primary mortality facing the tortoise population in the area.

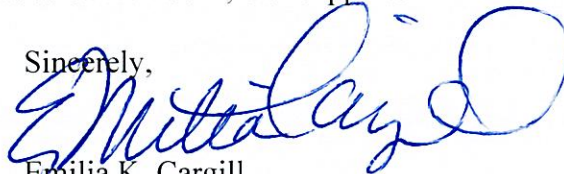
In conjunction with the US Fish & Wildlife, US Geological Survey, and Bureau of Land Mgmt, CSI previously paid biologists clear over 2000 acres of the Coyote Springs MPC and paid for suitable contractors to install US Fish & Wildlife approved desert tortoise exclusion fence and crossings within a portion of the Coyote Springs MPC. To the extent that NDOT's project (NDOT-CSWC), does not result in encouraging, guiding, directing, or otherwise allowing tortoises to enter previously cleared and fenced portions of the Coyote Springs MPC, CSI supports this project.

NDOT reported to CSI that this project is supported by many agencies and organizations to aid in the continued recovery of the desert tortoise population in Southern Nevada. NDOT further discussed with CSI that during the 82nd Nevada legislative session, the State of Nevada passed a bill known as Assembly Bill 112, to protect and fund wildlife crossings of roads and highways which created a Wildlife Crossings Account in the State General Fund.

CSI supports the NDOT-CSWC project. To that end, and assuming development of Coyote Springs MPC is continuing and has commenced, CSI is willing to provide support of NDOT's project through in-kind funding by providing water to NDOT for dust control purposes as it constructs tortoise exclusion fence in the project area for the NDOT-CSWC area, encouraging Lincoln County Authority on Tourism to include a free-message on their "display sign-board" along US 93 in Lincoln County Coyote Springs MPC, and by providing space on an existing info-kiosk at Coyote Springs Golf Course's front area, for NDOT to include public messaging about this important NDOT-CSWC project. The value of this in-kind contribution is in-excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Therefore, in the manner, and for the reasons as stated above, CSI supports the NDOT-CSWC project.

Sincerely,



Emilia K. Cargill
Chief Operating Officer
Senior Vice President, General Counsel