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LIUNA Praises President Obama's Plan to Build America

Investment in Roads, Rails, Airports Is Key Focus of LIUNA's Ongoing Build America 2010 Effort and Is Exactly What Our Nation Needs

Washington, D.C. (September 6, 2010) – Today Terry O'Sullivan, General President of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – made the following statement on President Obama's plan to Build America announced today in Milwaukee:

President Obama's plan for getting our economy moving again by putting men and women back to work building America's critical infrastructure – our roads, rail and airports – is exactly what our nation needs.

For too long the basics of America have been allowed to deteriorate, threatening our ability to move goods and people and to compete in the global economy. While nations such as China invest upwards of 10 percent of their GDP in new superhighways, bullet trains and other critical infrastructure, the U.S. has fallen behind, investing about 2 percent.

Meanwhile, 1.5 million men and women in the construction industry who want to go to work today building the basics of our country are jobless.

LIUNA's Build America 2010 – a state and national level member-driven and media-driven effort to encourage champions in Congress for building America – launched in May and will continue in full force to build a movement that can make the President's broad vision real.

LIUNA looks forward to working with the President and Congress as details of the President's plan are formed.

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The half-million members of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers who are proud to build America. For more information on Build America 2010 visit www.LiunaBuildsAmerica.org.