

Joliet Intermodal Terminal Grand Opening

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Speaker Comments

Senator Dick Durbin
U.S. Senate

"Joliet is America's intermodal transportation capital not just because great highways and railways come together here, but because people come together to make economic progress work for everyone. The new Union Pacific Intermodal Terminal & CenterPoint Intermodal Center in Joliet will be a major crossroads of America's economy. It will keep goods moving across the nation, benefiting the regional manufacturing and agriculture industries and generating millions of dollars in economic output every year. The project has already brought nearly 6,000 construction jobs to the region, and its operations will maintain 3,100 permanent trucking jobs and 5,800 good, family-supporting jobs at the intermodal facility and industrial park here in Joliet," said Durbin.

Congresswomen Debbie Halvorson
U.S. House of Representatives
11th District, Illinois

"This project is a real bright spot in our local economy. Together, we made sure its development stayed on-track and on-time, and now we're seeing 10,000 new jobs being created for our community. Our position as the top inland port of the country is something the entire region can be proud of," said Rep. Debbie Halvorson, who in July 2009 helped bring together local stakeholders to finalize an agreement on easements and utility relocations for the new terminal.

Senator A.J. Wilhelmi
43rd District
State of Illinois

"This project will create thousands of important jobs for our area," said State Senator A.J. Wilhelmi (D-Joliet).

"It also solidifies Will County's position as a premier transportation hub in the Midwest and throughout the Country," Wilhelmi added.

