

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Director Cardillo:

As Illinois represents approximately one-quarter of the greater St. Louis metropolitan area and nearly 30 percent of current NGA West employees, we proudly write in support of the St. Clair County site near Scott Air Force Base for the new National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) West Facilities.

Among the many needs of NGA in this search for a new West headquarters, we believe these qualities put the Scott site at the head of the list:

- + Security
- + Easy land acquisition
- + Availability of telecommunication and utility connections
- + Current work performed for the missions located at Scott
- + Proximity and availability of trained personnel for recruitment
- + Access to transportation without disruption to existing traffic
- + Strong community support

Community support for the greater Scott community is evidenced in winning the 2013 Abilene Trophy and the first place ranking by the Air Force Times for Best Bases for Airmen.

In addition, the services for active duty and retired military available at Scott would be very accessible to NGA employees. And there would be no St. Louis city income tax surcharge at an Illinois NGA.

The NGA facility would be welcomed enthusiastically at this site without any adverse public perception and without noise, safety, or other disruptions to a residential area.

This site adjacent to a military base is the most logical, easiest to secure, with the best transportation options – including public mass transit, and with the best fit into a community among the choices available. We strongly urge the selection of the St. Clair County site for the new National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's West Facilities.

Sincerely,



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JOHN SHIMKUS  
Member of Congress



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