



**Office of the Governor**  
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Pat Quinn  
Governor

March 10, 2010

To the Honorable Members of the General Assembly and the People of the State of Illinois:

I respectfully submit to you the fiscal year 2011 capital budget, which addresses Illinois' progress on Illinois Jobs Now!, the state's first capital program in nearly a decade. This \$31 billion plan is jump-starting our economy, and over the next 6 years, will create nearly 439,000 jobs.

In addition to *Illinois Jobs Now!*, federal stimulus money is hard at work in our state. We are taking advantage of the maximum amount of funds available through the 2009 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. High-speed rail is no longer a dream, it is a reality. Illinois recently received \$1.2 billion dollars for the rail corridor that will run between St. Louis and Chicago. This, along with \$400 million in state funds, will make Chicago the high-speed rail hub of the Midwest.

Illinois' construction season kicks off in the next few weeks. Nearly \$4 billion worth of projects will begin and an estimated 51,800 people will get back to work to repair roads, bridges, and ease congestion. An additional \$2 billion for school buildings, environment, economic development, and transit and rail transportation will create another 14,000 jobs in our recovering economy.

One example of job creation comes from our work with the Ford Motor Company. This year, Governor Quinn joined with Ford to announce the addition of 1,200 new jobs at Chicago based manufacturing facilities to produce the next-generation Explorer SUV. According to Ford, Illinois' innovative use of the Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) corporate tax credits for state-based auto manufactures, sealed this deal. We are also encouraging out-of-state and internationally-based businesses to relocate to Illinois. More than 55 business investment packages have helped companies expand, create and retain jobs while encouraging our existing businesses to expand exports.

All of these proposals are just the beginning of the revitalization of Illinois' economy. As Illinois' Building Governor, I will continue to build, create good-paying jobs, and keep Illinois moving in the right direction. Together we can achieve tremendous strides and make this great state of Illinois an example for other states to follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn  
Governor, State of Illinois