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### **AHEAD FOR WISCONSIN CENTRAL GROUP IN 2014**

WCGroup is dedicated to increasing economy, opportunity and competitiveness throughout the Wisconsin Central and Great Lakes Forest Region, working to increase freight on the region's lighter density rail lines. In collaboration with Canadian National, a principal accomplishment in 2013 has been establishment of the CN Advisory Board and CN/WCGroup Intermodal and Log (Forest Products) Committees and extending our outreach to private and public sector stakeholders. For more, see our recent update "Success – Now for the Heavy Lifting" (at [www.centralcorridors.com/wcg/](http://www.centralcorridors.com/wcg/)).

In 2014, in addition to our continuing effort, we expect to:

- Facilitate building an actionable, confidential multi-shipper freight lane database, managed by the railroad and suitable for systematically planning and prioritizing targeted shift of over-the-road freight to rail and rail intermodal.
- Identify and build specific business cases for investment in region/system-wide, line and local projects including specific infrastructure investments.
- Expand and intensify our outreach to stakeholders within the region for whom "rail served" is key to development and prosperity – "Industries, jobs and taxes want to go where the railroad is."
- Extend our outreach to Class 1 and other connections to/from our domestic, North American and global markets.

We also expect to provide relevant transportation and logistics information, data and insights as may be useful to the legislative and public policy initiatives of our affiliated/allied organizations, for example:

- Extension of the short line tax credit, including eligibility for "light density" lines regardless of ownership and for shipper and third-party investments in facilities and equipment necessary for conversion to rail and rail intermodal.
- Increase flexibility and funding for investment in local bridge repair and other maintenance for key routes to/from rail transload and intermodal connections.
- Parity for international and domestic containers moving to/from rail connections.

Also, see "Wisconsin Central Group Organization & Relationships" (next page or at our website, <http://www.centralcorridors.com/wcg/>).



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