

United States Senate

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Next NGA West (N2W)
United States Army Corps of Engineers Kansas City District, Room 529
Attn: Amy Snively
601 East 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Ms. Snively,

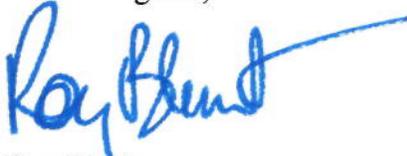
We write to provide comment on the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's (NGA) recent decision to select St. Louis City as the Agency Preferred Alternative.

We strongly support the decision of Director Robert Cardillo and the NGA in selecting St. Louis City as the preferred site for the new NGA West campus. Missouri is home to more than 3,000 dedicated, highly-skilled NGA personnel who, for more than 70 years, have provided critical intelligence and combat support to keep Americans safe. Missouri is proud to play such a central role in supporting our warfighters in their mission to protect and defend national security.

As stated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, the St. Louis City site best serves the mission and vision for NGA's future. The St. Louis City site will allow the NGA to recruit the next generation of highly-skilled intelligence professionals seeking the type of urban, car-optional lifestyle the city provides. In addition, the St. Louis City site provides unparalleled access to graduate school opportunities and high-tech neighbors, is a designated Promise Zone, and is convenient to Lambert Airport and the NGA's other facility in Arnold, Missouri.

We applaud the NGA's decision, which provides an increased level of certainty for current NGA personnel and a great opportunity for future employees who seek to serve our country at NGA in St. Louis. We are pleased the NGA recognized the St. Louis City site as the best location for the new west headquarters. We look forward to continuing to work with the agency and all stakeholders as the project moves forward.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator



Claire McCaskill
United States Senator