Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

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2012 was the most successful year for rail in a generation

**Safety** – Decreasing accidents/incidents/NARs* across several categories

Intermodal Freight – A growing market with tons of public benefits

- Rail Transportation shows sustained growth in passenger and intermodal
- At the same time, accident rates continue to drop to all-time low values
Passenger Rail – nearly $19 billion since 2009 to build, improve, or create…

- 6,000 corridor miles
- 40 stations
- 260 passenger cars
- 105 locomotives
- 3 trainsets
- 75 engineering/environmental studies
- 30 state rail plans & service development plans

- Historic equipment procurements – Buy America
- New service – Virginia, Maine
- 110mph in Illinois
- First NEC planning/NEPA since Carter Administration
The NGEC can proudly look back to a comprehensive list of achievements

- **Development of specifications** for five types of rolling stock (incl. comprehensive process for incorporating design changes)
  - Bi-level cars
  - Single-level cars
  - Single-level trainsets
  - Diesel-electric locomotives
  - Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs)

- **Successful contract award** for the design and manufacture of 130 bi-level rail cars through a unprecedented joint, multi-state procurement
  - Exceeding current Accessibility standards
  - FRA Buy America standards
  - Standardization of components, systems, and interfaces

- **Locomotive Request for Information** (RFI)
These achievements are very much in line with FRA equipment program goals

1. **Jobs** – re-establish the manufacturing base in the U.S. and create high quality jobs

2. **Quality** – ensure that rolling stock better matches the needs of state corridors and represents next generation equipment

3. **Costs** – minimize life cycle costs consistent with maintaining a state of good repair

4. **Flexibility** – equipment that is managed and deployed based on market demands with the ability to re-allocate as necessary
Looking forward, 2013 will be another exciting and challenging year.

- **2012**
  - Procurement of Bi-level Railcars
  - Development of Rolling Stock Specifications

- **2013**
  - Procurement of NGEC Next Generation High Performance Diesel Locomotives
  - Trendsetting Best Practices for State Corridor Services ("Section 6")
  - Development of NGEC’s Future Strategic Vision and Goals
Thank you for your hard work in 2012, and your future engagement in the NGEC supporting U.S. Passenger Rail