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Subject: **LIRR / MNR Request for Information (RFI) –Pilot Program M-9 Rail Car**

The Railroads are contemplating the possibility of implementing an extended Pilot Program for the M-9 Base Cars, which may last for approximately six to nine months and may precede formal authorization to proceed with the production of the Base Cars. Based upon its investigation with other railcar programs and railcar manufacturers, the Railroads feel that an extended Pilot Car Program will allow for a majority design and operational issues to be resolved prior to commencing full production, which will reduce any subsequent modification program, as well as top reduce risks to both the Railroads and the car builder.

To that end, please provide the Railroads with your firm’s position with regards to the implementation of a Pilot Car Programs, listing the positive, and negatives of such.

Additionally, please provide the Railroads with a narrative of any experience that you have had with the implementation of a Pilot Car Program on a major railcar manufacturing project.

Please submit your response Interested Firms should submit their responses to this RFI **no later than February 5, 2009.**

Should you have any questions concerning this inquiry, please contact the undersigned at 718-725-2641.

Sincerely,

Maura Kelly
Sr. Contract Administrator