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Chicago and Bensenville Settle Dispute Over O'Hare Expansion

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On November 16, 2009, the City of Chicago and Village of Bensenville announced the settlement of litigation over the planned expansion of Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Under the agreement, Chicago will pay Bensenville \$16 million to acquire Village property, will implement a demolition protocol for homes within the Village, and will commit approximately \$20 million for sound insulation of schools and homes impacted by airport expansion. In exchange, Bensenville will dismiss its acquisition- and demolition-related litigation against Chicago. The settlement thus eliminates one obstacle to the ambitious O'Hare Modernization Plan.