

The Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC) has recently secured funding for rail expansion for two Burlington-area based businesses to enable expanded service and support job creation.

Burlington Junction Railway (BJRY) in Burlington, IA and Valley Distribution in West Burlington, IA have both received loans facilitated by SEIRPC for rail expansion. Both loans were received from the Iowa DOT for 0% and 10 years.

BJRY received \$157,948 for rehabilitating track into the CNH facility, where new backhoes, forklifts will be shipped out on rail to outside markets. In the future, CNH will look at transporting scrap steel and new harvester heads through the rail connection. Rail will support the company's expansion plans and likely play a longer term role in product delivery.

Valley Distribution received \$218,652 for installing a new rail spur off of the BNSF main line in West Burlington, IA. The new access has allowed the oil-distribution company to nearly quadruple its product holding capacity. The increased capacity and rail access will allow new operational efficiencies for the local company.