

ABSTRACT - CRI&P Drawing Project

LSRHA is requesting \$3,000 to fund payment for a contract Data Entry Specialist to enter descriptions of technical drawings in the CRI&P Drawing Project into the PastPerfect database maintained by Lake States Railway Historical Association. Technical drawings of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, deeded and delivered to LSRHA in June, 2012, are estimated to number about 15,000 technical drawings. The bulk of these drawings arrived as rolled stacks in 70 six-inch diameter metal canisters constructed in the CRI&P shops and in five 6-inch diameter PVC pipe containers. This collection included a loose stack almost three feet tall of smaller drawings that have been transferred to shipping boxes for safe transport. Examinations of the drawings reveal that they are mostly in excellent condition except for those drawings that were heavily used by the railroad. Some of these will need repair work. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway network had its roots in the Chicago and Rock Island of 1851 but the rail system soon stretched into Nebraska and Kansas, even as far as Colorado, north into Minnesota, east into Tennessee, and south to Galveston. The railroad entered its last receivership in 1975 but with reorganization impossible, the company shut down in 1980 and the assets distributed.