

June 20, 2007

Mr. Ray Vaughan
Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes
135 East Main Street
Hamburg, NY 14075

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Over the past six months, NYSERDA has conducted an open competitive solicitation for the facilitation contract in support of the West Valley Citizen Task Force (CTF). I would like to bring you up-to-date on this solicitation at this time.

It is NYSERDA's practice to periodically conduct competitive solicitations for work that spans long durations (i.e., the CTF facilitation contract has been in place over ten years). As such, a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the facilitation contract was issued in the New York State Contract Reporter in January this year, posted on NYSERDA's website and mailed to potential vendors. Six proposals were received by the RFP deadline (February 22, 2007), and a Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) was formed to review and rate the proposals.

The TEP, which included representatives from NYSERDA, DOE, the CTF and an outside evaluator, met in March to discuss the submitted proposals. The TEP members individually reviewed, scored and ranked the written proposals. Based on their recommendation, the four highest-ranked proposers were invited to a follow-up interview.

The TEP met again in April to interview the four top proposers. At the conclusion of the interviews, the TEP members discussed, scored and ranked the proposals, and unanimously selected The Logue Group (in a teaming arrangement with Adamant Accord, Inc.). The new facilitation contractor, Bill Logue (The Logue Group) and Cindy Cook (Adamant Accord), are planning to begin working with the CTF in July.

While we recognize this is a significant change in the deliberations of the CTF, we also acknowledge that the group has adapted to quite a bit of change over its tenure. Change is a part of all processes. I would stress that the selection of a new facilitation contractor to work with the CTF should not reflect negatively on Melinda Holland in any way. Melinda's dedication to the process, her collaborative energy and gentle spirit have helped the CTF evolve to where it is today. We commend her and consider ourselves fortunate to have worked collaboratively for so long.

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Bill Logue (who will act as the Lead facilitator) and Cindy Cook join this process with excellent credentials, diverse work experiences, and, most importantly, openness. Attached is background information on Bill and Cindy that describes their education, expertise and work experiences.

We appreciate your dedication to this process and ask for your support in this transition as we welcome a new partner, and bid farewell to a friend and colleague.

Sincerely,

WEST VALLEY SITE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Paul L. Piciulo, Ph.D.
Director

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Attachment:

(1) Bio on Bill Logue & Cindy Cook

cc: B. C. Bower, DOE-WVDP (w/enc.)
C. R. Reiman, DOE-WVDP (w/enc.)
C. M. Bohan, DOE-WVDP (w/enc.)
T. H. Attridge, NYSERDA-WV (w/enc.)
S. J. Allen, WVNSCO (w/enc.)
J. D. Chamberlain, WVNSCO (w/enc.)
M. Holland, Melinda Holland & Associates (w/enc.)
W. D. Logue, The Logue Group (w/enc.)
C. Cook, Adamant Accord, Inc. (w/enc.)

Bill Logue (The Logue Group)

Bill Logue is a West Hartford, CT based mediator, facilitator, consensus builder, trainer and consultant to individuals, groups, associations, corporations, law firms, foundations and public organizations.

Mr. Logue has worked in the field of conflict resolution since 1986 in both the public and private sectors. He frequently mediates employment, workplace, commercial, construction, environmental, and other matters. He has designed and led conflict resolution training programs for numerous organizations in the public and private sector. Mr. Logue contributed three chapters to the *Mediation Practice Book* published in 2001. He is also a regular contributing columnist on dispute resolution to the *Connecticut Law Tribune*.

Mr. Logue has engaged in public policy consensus building work in Massachusetts and Connecticut and is currently working with a team training local land use leaders to use collaborative problem solving in Connecticut. He is assisting in the creation of a statewide collaborative governance model in Maine. Mr. Logue

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NOTE: The attached letter was individually addressed to each of the following members of the Citizen Task Force and their alternates:

Mr. Ray Vaughan, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes
Mr. John Pfeffer, Jr., Councilman, Town of Ashford
Mr. Stephen Kowalski, WVCS School Board
Mr. Joseph Patti, West Valley Hardware
The Honorable Bill King, Supervisor, Town of Ashford
Ms. Julie Sirianni (Ofc. of NYS Senator Young)
Mr. Pete Scherer, West Valley American Legion
Dr. Tim Siepel, NYS Academy of Family Physicians
Mr. Eric Wohlers, Cattaraugus County Health Department
Mr. Andrew Eszak, Commissioner, Erie County Dept. of Environment & Planning
Mr. Michael Brisky (Ofc. for Assemblyman Joe Giglio)
Mr. Pete Cooney, Int'l Assoc. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Mr. Darwin John, Seneca Nation of Indians
Mr. Bill Snyder, Town of Concord
Mr. Mike Hutchinson, Cattaraugus Creek Basin Task Force
Ms. Lenore Lambert, League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara
Mr. Rob Dallas (CTF Alternate)
Ms. Judy Einach (CTF Alternate)
Mr. Tim Lund (CTF Alternate)
Mr. Chris Pawenski (CTF Alternate)
Mr. Bob Potter (CTF Alternate)
Mr. Paul Salzler (CTF Alternate)
Mr. Warren Schmidt (CTF Alternate)
Ms. Carol Sheibley (CTF Alternate)

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