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Dr. Alpha Fowler Bryan, Chairwoman
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Radioactive Waste Oversight Commission
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Dear Dr. Bryan:

ST. LOUIS SITE - FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

In recent meetings, Oversight Commission members have expressed interest in receiving EPA or DOE funds for technical consulting activities in support of the committee's work and to provide independent technical assessment.

The EPA's vehicle for providing such funding is the Technical Assistance Grant. While TAGs are available for any site on the Superfund's National Priorities List, only independent citizens groups may qualify, not government-appointed boards and commissions. Other notable restrictions are listed in the enclosed brochure "Superfund Technical Assistance Grants."

The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) offers a similar program, worth up to \$50,000, but the process is a little different. Technically speaking, no one applies for the DOE grant; FUSRAP selects an organization like yours, which must have some affiliation with local government, and makes the funds available. A few restrictions govern the use of these funds and are listed in the Technical Services Agreement.

The purpose of the grant is to provide the commission with a source of funding to retain a technical expert to advise the commission on matters related to DOE documents, proposed actions, etc.

Here are the steps we need to take over the next few weeks to make a DOE grant happen:

1. Scope of work and budget. DOE would encourage the commission to develop a scope of work and budget for consulting activities. The \$50,000 must last for the duration of the project, so planning and budgeting is important.

2. Technical consultant selection. You may begin at any time to screen candidates for the job of technical consultant. When choosing a consultant, the commission may wish to consider the type of advice most needed and whether the consultant has the mix of skills to match. Also, look for knowledge of and experience in radioactive waste management; academic training in relevant fields such as public health and risk evaluation; the ability to translate technical information into understandable terms; and experience working with community groups.

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If you'd like, we can help you put together a list of qualified individuals and companies in your area, but the choice is entirely up to you. As soon as the selection is made, please notify us of the name of the winning company as well as others that were considered.

3. Technical Services Agreement. A draft Technical Services Agreement is enclosed for your review. Once you've selected your consultant, we'll finalize the Agreement and submit it, along with a concurrence letter, to the commission for signatures.

4. Technical services contract. In order to facilitate the transfer of funds from the federal government to the consultant, the consultant will enter into a contract with FUSRAP's prime contractor, Bechtel National, Inc. This arrangement is solely for expediting payment; Bechtel will have no control over the consultant's activities. The contract will be in accordance with all Federal Acquisition Regulations.

5. Work initiation. Once the contract is in place, work may commence. The consultant will work entirely at the discretion of the commission, within the guidelines established in the Technical Services Agreement. The commission will task the consultant, receive all reports, and approve all invoices for submission to Bechtel. Bechtel will then reimburse the consultant for costs incurred, up to the \$50,000 limit.

I'd be glad to talk with you further about locating consultants or any of the other steps outlined above. Please feel free to contact me at (615) 576-9634 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



David G. Adler, Site Manager
Former Sites Restoration Division

Enclosures

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Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

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