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Mr. William Murphie
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U.S. Department of Energy
1017 Majestic Drive
Lexington, KY 40513

Subject: Support Staff Contract

Dear Mr. Murphie:

It is our understanding a contract is being developed for the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) support staff service utilizing an 8(a) Small Business. The CAB supports this effort and believes this approach will ensure increased visibility of resources and provide the CAB with the independence it desires. The CAB would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the scope of work and the overall direction of support services before a contractor is selected. We understand the contract is for long-term support, as described in Ms. Sandra Waisley's memorandum of October 31, 2003, and would become effective October 1, 2004.

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The CAB is concerned about the portion of Ms. Waisley's memorandum which requires Paducah to change its support service contract in the interim. The situation at Paducah is unique throughout the complex in that the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued two Request for Proposals for the infrastructure and remediation work at Paducah. Both of these contracts are to be 8(a) Small Business contracts. It is our understanding that the majority of firms interested in the CAB support contract are also involved in obtaining either the infrastructure or remediation contract. To procure the CAB support services contract at this time would only add to the confusion which presently exists. We believe waiting until the infrastructure and remediation contracts are awarded will assist DOE in identifying eligible 8(a) firms for CAB support services. This approach will also allow existing support personnel, utilized by both the CAB and DOE, better defined options, which is vital if we are to retain their knowledge and ability.

The CAB supports your efforts in this matter and would appreciate a timely response to our concern.

Sincerely,

Bill Tanner, Chair
PGDP Citizens Advisory Board

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