

June 20, 2007

Mr. Ray Vaughan  
Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes  
135 East Main Street  
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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.)  
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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 also consults to foundations, nonprofits and public sector organizations on conflict resolution, collaboration, strategic and programming planning, and feasibility analysis and program evaluation.

Mr. Logue is past chair of the Connecticut Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and Co-Chair of the Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution in the Courts, a member of the Association for Conflict Resolution (past President of the New England Chapter, member of the Environment and Public Policy Section and the Workplace Section). He is lead faculty for 40-hour mediation training program sponsored by the University of Connecticut and Quinnipiac University School of Law Center on Dispute Resolution. He teaches negotiation and mediation advocacy at Quinnipiac Law School. He is a graduate of Brown University and the University of Connecticut School of Law and is admitted to practice in Connecticut and Massachusetts. For four years he served as career law clerk for ADR matters to Senior U.S. District Judge Robert C. Zampano.

### **Cindy Cook (Adamant Accord, Inc.)**

Cindy Cook is a nationally recognized mediator and facilitator and principal of Adamant Accord, Inc., a firm that specializes in environmental dispute resolution and the design and implementation of public involvement processes for complex public policy issues.

Ms. Cook has designed and facilitated advisory group conversations regarding complex environmental projects including the cleanups of the Hudson River and Elizabeth Mine Superfund projects, and has facilitated numerous public policy dialogues regarding environmental issues. Ms. Cook is an adjunct professor at Vermont Law School and a Fellow of the school's Land Use Institute. She co-chairs the Environment and Public Policy Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR), and also serves on the Board of Directors of ACR.

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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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