

25-January, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in wholehearted support of the Environmental Contractors Association (ECA) application to the Occupational Safety and Health Training & Education Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) grant program.

While I was working for the Mayor's Office of the City of New York, I had the opportunity to collaborate with the ECA on a number of important projects, most notably:

1. NYC OEM Memorandum of Understanding. One of the most important lessons from the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center is that environmental issues during major emergencies and disasters often result in profound negative impacts. Despite the best efforts of the City of New York, there is still often a lack of subject matter expertise and response capability related to complex environmental impacts; therefore, in 2013, I spearheaded efforts to have the ECA and the New York City Office of Emergency Management (NYC OEM) sign a Memorandum of Understanding that will enable the City of New York to call upon ECA to support disaster-related preparedness and response efforts for a wide variety of potential hazards.
2. Post Hurricane Sandy Mold Remediation. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy (2012), the City of New York was having difficulty developing and implementing an effective residential mold remediation program. There was a great deal of public concern due to mold, as well as considerable uncertainty as to appropriate and safe mitigation measures. To deal with the problem, the City established a unique, successful and ultimately award winning coalition, with ECA as an integral member, that performed mold remediation in the homes of two thousand low income New York families.

In the next phase of its commitment to reducing the risk of environmental incidents in New York City, the ECA has now developed a two-tiered, state-of-the-art Certified Environmental Remediation Training (CERT) program.

Given the ECA's ongoing exceptional commitment to these essential initiatives in New York City, I strongly urge you to approve this grant application.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Gair", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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