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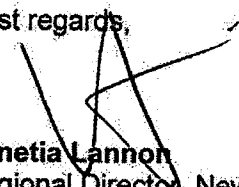
To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Environmental Contractors Association (ECA) application to the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) grant program. The ECA is an important resource for agencies involved in environmental compliance like ours for several reasons:

- First, it raises the bar for safety, training and overall excellence for those in the industry that actually do the work to bring about environmental compliance and remediation.
- Second, it allows government agencies a conduit to outreach to the industry that facilitates a fair and unbiased communication, beyond the interests of any one company or job. We are able to promulgate and explain new regulations or receive objective feedback about processes or projects in an efficient and effective manner.
- Finally, ECA has proven to be invaluable partner in mobilizing the industry after emergencies, like they did for mold abatement after Hurricane Sandy. We continue to think about future emergencies like an Ebola outbreak and how ECA can best mobilize the industry in such uncertain territory.

If anyone in your organization would like further information, do not hesitate to call me directly.

Best regards,

  
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