

25-January, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

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

I served in several major disasters as Deputy Regional Administrator, Acting Administrator or Federal Coordinating Office for FEMA Region 2 as we responded to disasters ranging from 9-11, to major floods, to Hurricane Katrina and events throughout NY and NJ. In all these events the obvious need to have "on the ground" expertise to abate and remediate environmental hazards for occupational safety and health was apparent and are always part of any emergency event.

From my experience during 9-11, when involved with the NYC Office of Emergency Management and the former Deputy Commissioner of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, the utilization of ECA by these organizations provided the occupational safety and health expertise and resources critical to success. I am sure with their experience and their development of a Certified Environmental Remediation Training program and General Awareness program EAC is positioned to immediately meet the requirements of the RFP.

Given ECA's experience and demonstrated ability to work with the City and other governmental organizations, I strongly urge you to accept their proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Joe Picciano, P.E.

Former Deputy Administrator for FEMA Region 2
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