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To Whom It May Concern:

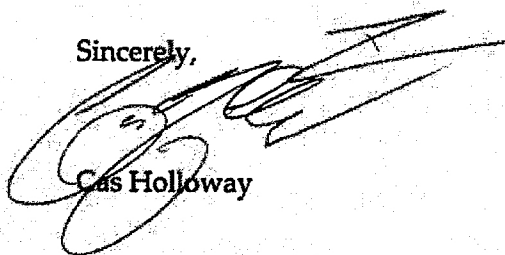
I write in support of the Environmental Contractors Association's (ECA) application to the Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Hazard Board (HAB) grant program. ECA has played a central role in establishing rigorous standards for worker and public safety in the field of environmental remediation and is uniquely qualified to expand the scope and delivery of its training through this grant.

I have worked with ECA for a number of years in several capacities. As Commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from 2010 to 2011, I oversaw the agency charged with regulation of asbestos abatement, handling and storage of hazardous substances, and air quality. DEP also ran a certification program for the environmental contractors; in that connection I worked with ECA on its efforts to strengthen the safety standards and awareness of its membership.

From 2011 through 2013, I served as Deputy Mayor for Operations for Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. In that capacity I worked directly with agencies that regulate the built environment, including the Department of Buildings and FDNY, which oversees construction, demolition, and abatement in coordination with DEP. ECA was a strong partner with the City throughout my public service, and clearly demonstrated its capacity to deliver high-quality programs, educate its members, and engage productively with government. Of particular significance, ECA ran a mold abatement program in partnership with the City following Hurricane Sandy to help restore approximately 2,000 homes to a safe condition following the storm's unprecedented damage.

Finally, I have known Joyce Nastasi personally for nearly 10 years and consider her a person of the highest integrity. I support ECA's application to expand their training curriculum and delivery without reservation. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,



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