



rationale for selection 
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Stephen - as you requested I have provided my rationale for my selection.

I have selected Kristi Parker Celico (Rocky Mountain Collaborative Solutions) for the situation assessment regarding the FUDs cleanup project at St. Lawrence Island based on her experience and knowledge as presented in her proposal. More specifically here is my rationale:

- Past experience and knowledge about the site specific issues, without a "conflict of interest" appearance, nor preconceived notion regarding whether a facilitated dialogue would be appropriate or not. Was able to identify the potential issues as:
 - "how clean is clean",
 - community health issues,
 - RAB's role,
- Past experience in working with community organizations (including Native Alaskans) and federal agencies in resolving specific issues at federal facility sites
- Experience facilitating workshops with communities who have health concerns and the link to toxic exposures.
- Proposal seems most cost effective.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

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Summary

Mediator with significant experience managing large, multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural projects.

- Sixteen years as senior mediator in local, national, and international disputes for the non-profit Keystone Center. Specialized in designing and managing large diverse groups of stakeholders to develop and implement practical solutions primarily around natural resource and environmental health projects.
- Earlier in career, served as an economist and policy analyst for Exxon, the Natural Resources Defense Council, OSHA, and a congressional office.

Education

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, M.P.P., (b) (6). Focus in natural resource economics at Kennedy School of Government, environmental law at Harvard Law School, and mediation at MIT.

THE COLORADO COLLEGE, B.A., (b) (6), cum laude, Political Economics.

Professional Experience

Rocky Mountain Collaborative Solutions

Principal, (b) (6)

Facilitate environmental and health policy issues towards building implementable solutions.

The Keystone Center, Keystone, Colorado

Co-Director, The Keystone Center, (b) (6)

Director for Center for Science and Public Policy (the mediation and facilitation division), (b) (6)

Senior Associate, (b) (6)

Associate, (b) (6)

Non-profit organization with staff of 50 and \$6 million budget. The Center for Public Policy builds collaborative solutions to complex energy, environmental and natural resource problems. During tenure, directed all aspects of Center's marketing, human resources, and project management. I stepped down from management responsibilities and ultimately from The Center due to my desire to spend more time (b) (6).

Other Examples of Related Projects Not Noted Above

SUPERFUND POLICY

Federal Facility Cleanup Dialogue.

Currently working with the FFRRO office to organize and facilitate the Federal Facility Cleanup Dialogue. (b) (6)

Superfund Implementation Policy Dialogue, Keystone staff.

Staffed multi-party dialogue on Superfund implementation issues such as lender liability, municipal waste, community involvement, and state-federal relations. (b) (6)

Superfund Negotiations, ICF Associate.

Provided neutral fact-finding and facilitation services at four Superfund sites. (b) (6)

OTHER COMMUNITY BASED EFFORTS

Uranium Mining Exploration in Fremont County, Project Director.

Working with Fremont County, a Colorado community and Black Range Minerals (an Australian mining company) to discuss the potential role and impact of uranium exploration. (b) (6)

French Gulch Mining Remediation, Keystone Project Director.

Led collaborative effort between local community, regulators, and landowner to remediate French Gulch gold mine. The project resulted in cleaning up the site, the purchase of \$9 million of open space, development of affordable housing, the re-establishing of a self-sustaining fishery, and preservation of historical mining as desired by the community. (b) (6)

Northwest Colorado Stewardship (NWCOS), Keystone Project Director.

Directed community-based effort to develop BLM Resource Management Plan for 1.3 million public acres rich in oil and gas, wilderness land, wild horse terrain, ranch property, and multiple recreation uses. (b) (6)

October 5, 2010

Dear Dr. Garon, Region 10, and the EPA Federal Facilities Office:

Below please find a response to your request for hiring a neutral to conduct a situation assessment regarding Saint Lawrence Island.

I commend EPA for seeking an assessment on the Saint Lawrence sites at this time. Although the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) appears to be quite functional, it has not resolved some of the fundamental issues between the Army Corps and the community such as whether the site should be listed, how clean is clean, and what is the source of contamination that may be causing the high levels of cancer on the island. I have not been involved in the site for many years and do not have an opinion regarding whether a dialogue would be appropriate, but that these issues are still as raw and unresolved this many years later, indicate that it is time for an broader assessment.

Below please find a brief summary of my experience as related to the selection criteria:

Past experience with Superfund cleanup involving Native Alaskan or Native American communities:

- I ran the first facilitated meeting of the Saint Lawrence RAB when my Keystone Center colleague who had been assigned to the project was not able to proceed due to a family emergency. I spent two weeks on the phone doing a quick and dirty assessment of the situation and talking to everyone I could find on the Island, at ACAT, and within DEC and the Army Corps. I ran the first meeting in Savoonga and assisted the RAB with developing ground rules, laying out a annual plan, and incorporating tribal traditions into the meeting structure.
- As team-lead for the Federal Facility Environmental Restoration Dialogue (FFERDC), I worked with Native Alaskans to identify and resolve issues hindering federal facility clean-ups. Working with a diversity of other leaders from communities of color, they developed national consensus recommendations with DOD, EPA, and state, tribal, and local governments for addressing a wide diversity of clean-up policy issues.
- Based on the expertise gathered during the FFERDC Dialogue process, a variety of community organizations and federal agencies asked that I assist with resolving specific issues at federal facility sites across the country—many involving Native Alaskan or Native American communities.
- At the request of the Native Alaskans involved in the FFERDC process, Keystone teamed with Alaskan NGOs to organize a capacity building workshop for community members living at or near Alaskan federal facility sites.

Past experience with Superfund cleanup by the Department of Defense at FUD sites:

- Through running the FFERDC Dialogue, the National Munitions Dialogue, the National Nonstockpile Chemical Weapons Dialogue, and the National Assembled Chemical Weapons (ACWA) Dialogue, I became very familiar with the issues at FUDs sites and community concerns.

Experience with communities experiencing health effects they link to toxic exposures:

- While serving as the facilitator for a series of ATSDR community and tribal workshops, we worked with communities across the country that were very angry and frightened about the health concerns they linked to toxic exposures.
- I served as the community advisory board facilitator for many years at a diversity of sites with health concerns such as the Coastal Oil Refinery, Pantex Nuclear Weapons Facility, and the Pueblo Chemical Weapons Depot.
- During my visit to Saint Lawrence Island, I wandered from Bingo games to the community health center, school, and grocery store with an ACAT member that was born on the island. Almost everyone I met talked about the impact that cancer had had on their immediate family and their views regarding the likely connection to the FUDs sites.

Experience with environmental issues in Alaska:

- As noted above, I have experience working in Alaska through setting up and running the Saint Lawrence Island RAB, the FFERDC project, and the Anchorage capacity building workshop.

In addition to the above, I believe I would bring some unique background to this effort, including:

- Experience visiting the Island and knowing many of the specific cleanup and health issues, but no recent engagement regarding the site. Thus, although I am somewhat knowledgeable about the situation and could come up to speed quickly, I have no preconceived notions regarding whether a facilitated dialogue would be appropriate or not.
- Experience working with some of the key participants in the process including: Carey Cossaboom and Lisa Geist (Army Corp leads at the site) and ACAT staff (Pam Miller and Vi Waghiyi). After October 22, I will have experience running meetings with James Balocki and Mathy Stanislaus.
- Experience working on high profile community projects where it is often important to resolve issues at the government and community ground levels, while appreciating the potential for end-runs in such a process.

One limitation I have regarding this effort is that I would not be able to start until October 25, 2010 due to current obligations.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be considered.

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