

September 13, 2001

Mr. Greg Hunter, Chief
Real Estate Services (9PDE)
General Services Administration
401 West "A" Street
Suite 2075
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) be considered as a tenant for the Foley Federal building in Las Vegas, Nevada, beginning Fiscal Year 2005. I understand that there is 7,000 square feet of space available in this building, and we have determined that it is suitable for our needs.

The NRC will be conducting hearings on the Department of Energy's (DOE) application to construct a high-level waste repository at the proposed Yucca Mountain site. Based on the latest schedule for DOE to submit its application, we expect to begin hearings in October 2004 and continue for approximately 36 months. Our space requirements will consist primarily of a hearing room with spectator seating and an associated number of staff offices and smaller conference rooms. We anticipate that our needs, which include technology for an electronic courtroom, can be accommodated using standard building construction and the standard heating, ventilation and air conditioning system of the building. We are prepared to provide you with our space requirements, and design-intent drawings when needed to coincide with our occupancy schedule.

It is my understanding that the Foley building is a Level IV facility based on criteria in the U.S. Department of Justice's study titled: Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities, dated June 28, 1995. As such, it would meet many of our basic security requirements. However, to ensure that it meets our specific needs, we plan to conduct an on-site security assessment of the facility and make enhancements, as appropriate. These upgrades may include additional security staff, equipment, and space modifications to create an appropriate level of security for our adjudicatory hearing process. We are also sensitive to the fact that there are other tenants in the building and will make every effort to ensure that our proceedings and its associated security will not affect the day-to-day business of the other occupants.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Mr. Louis Fisher, Chief, Facilities Branch will serve as the NRC contact for this matter. He can be reached by phone on (301) 415-7311 or e-mail: lxf@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Thomas O. Martin, Director
Division of Facilities and Security
Office of Administration

cc: Mr. Robert Nimmo, GSA

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Mr. Louis Fisher, Chief, Facilities Branch will serve as the NRC contact for this matter. He can be reached by phone on (301) 415-7311 or e-mail: lx@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/
Thomas O. Martin, Director
Division of Facilities and Security
Office of Administration

cc: Mr. Robert Nimmo, GSA

DISTRIBUTION:
DFS R/F
FACB R/F

Document Name: yuccamountainletterof interest.wpd

ADAMS Accession No.:

To receive a copy of this document, indicate in the box: "C" = Copy without attachment/enclosures "E" = Copy with attachments/enclosures "N" = No copy

OFFICE	FACB	DFS	ASLBP				
NAME	LFisher	TOMartin	JGWhetstine				
DATE	09/ 12/01	09/13/01	09/12/01				

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

This document should be placed in ADAMS:

This document should be made available to the PUBLIC: _____ LF _____ 09/12 /01

This document is NON-SENSITIVE): (Name or Initials) (Date)