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Associate Vice President for
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The Board of Regents of the
University of New Mexico
Scholes Hall, Room 227
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131

Dear Mr. Lee

Subject: Request For Proposal No. RS-NMS-87-005 Entitled "Operation of the
Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses - FFRDC"

This is to advise you that your organization is an unsuccessful offeror under the subject solicitation. While an award has not yet been made, your firm has been eliminated from any further consideration for award based upon a comprehensive review and analysis of all proposals received.

Review of your proposal evidenced many examples of well considered responses to the RFP. In particular, the demonstrated experience and expertise relevant to several aspects of the technical review of the DOE WIPP Project was favorably considered. However, several weaknesses were found which, when taken together, preclude the proposal from having a reasonable chance for award even through discussions.

Following is a discussion of proposal deficiencies that affected the determination of the Source Evaluation Panel. Such discussion is general in nature and should not be construed to be all inclusive with respect to your proposal's weaknesses.

- o The proposal does not demonstrate establishment of an autonomous entity devoted to NRC work that meets the FFRDC requirements of UFPF Policy Letter 84-1 as required by the RFP (Section H.17). The management plan does not establish an essential core of expertise within the Center characterized by permanence and stability as required by paragraph 3 of the Center's Charter (Enclosure 8 to the RFP).
- o The offeror's staffing proposal relies largely on adjunct university staff who are neither devoted to NRC's needs nor under the direct control of the Center.
- o The proposal does not clearly identify the specific duties and responsibilities of the key personnel identified as being available. In addition, commitments for all key personnel are not provided.

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- o The proposal does not clearly demonstrate that the proposed systems engineering activities would provide for needed interfaces and controls among the five major program elements.
- o Demonstration of expertise associated with technical disciplines relevant to the technical areas of work were limited in addressing potential capability to resolve significant issues.
- o Demonstration of relevant experience in the Geologic Setting, Engineered Barrier System, and the MRS and Repository Design, Construction and Operations program elements were limited in scope in addressing many of the key technical areas needed to support NRC licensing findings.

Since further negotiations with your organization concerning this procurement are not contemplated, a revision to your proposal will not be considered. When award is made, you will be notified of the name and address of the successful offeror and the related award information.

Your interest in competing for the requirements of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is both appreciated and encouraged. The participation of your organization in any further requirements of the Commission is hereby solicited.

If you have any questions concerning this procurement, please call Mary Mace of my staff on (301) 492-4291.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Timothy F. Hagan

Timothy F. Hagan, Contracting Officer
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