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The Honorable Tom Coburn
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your November 18, 2005, letter to the Department of Homeland Security's, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), cosigned by Senator Barach Obama. It was a pleasure meeting with you both on December 15, to discuss the re-compete of four large awards in support of Hurricane Katrina. I apologize for the delay in responding.

As a follow up to our meeting, the acquisition strategy for the re-compete of the four large contracts includes separate requirements on parallel tracks. FEMA's course of action for re-compete of the "Big Four" contracts is set forth below. The "Big Four" contracts will expire January 15, 2006. The major tasks provided under the contracts include the following:

11. Housing Strategy Support Services
12. Site Inspection
13. Site Assessment & Feasibility Analysis
14. Group Site Design
15. Staging
16. Installation of Temporary Mobile Structures
17. Safety and Security
18. Grounds Maintenance
19. Maintenance
20. Deactivation

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Tasks 1 through 6 above will be completed before a new competition can be conducted for these services. Therefore, the "Big Four" will complete these tasks. Task 7 above is currently being re-bid in the local areas by FEMA's Joint Field Offices. FEMA is currently in the process of developing an acquisition strategy to compete Task 8 among small and small disadvantaged businesses and service disabled veterans. Tasks 9 and 10 are currently in the re-bid process. award is anticipated in February 2006.

I am looking forward to meeting with you again. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact FEMA's Office of Legislative Affairs on (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. David Paulison".

R. David Paulison
Acting Director