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April 28, 2009

Ms. Claudette Beaulieu
Deputy Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT. 06106

Re: Weatherization Assistance Program/The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

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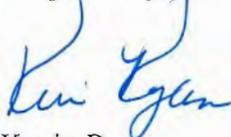
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Respectfully,



Kevin Ryan
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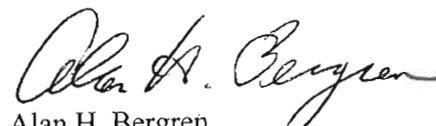
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The Town of Stonington supports and recognizes TVCCA's ability to serve this community through the Weatherization Program and strongly urges the Department to designate it a "temporary subgrantee" and thereby allocating \$3 million dollars to the citizens of southeastern Connecticut for an equitable and expeditious enterprise. Please feel free to contact the First Selectman's Office if you have questions at 860-535-5050.

Sincerely,

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First Selectman
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Cc: Julie
Subject: Weatherization Letter
Attachments: ARRA Weatherization Letter 042809.doc

Hi Ric & Julie:

I am sending this letter out today. Thank you and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

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Town of
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North Stonington has contributed annually to TVCCA and supports and recognizes TVCCA's ability to serve this community through the Weatherization Program and strongly urges the Department to designate it a "temporary subgrantee" and thereby allocating \$3 million dollars to the citizens of southeastern Connecticut for an equitable and expeditious enterprise.

Respectfully,



Nicholas H. Mullane, II
First Selectman



Community Action Agency of New Haven

May 1, 2009

Ms. Carlene Taylor
Weatherization Assistance Program
Community, Energy and Refugee Services
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Re: Weatherization Assistance Plan

Dear Carlene:

We are writing in strong support of the request by the Community Action Agency of New Haven (CAANH) to the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) that CAANH should be included in the DSS Weatherization Stimulus Plan. As members of the CAANH Board of Directors, we firmly believe that the Agency has been performing in all respects in accordance with the Corrective Action Plan required by DSS. Accordingly, DSS should not exclude CAANH as a sub-grantee in the Weatherization Stimulus Plan.

In addition, the CAANH meets all of the qualifications set forth in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) guidelines for the Weatherization Assistance Program, at 10 CFR Section 440.15, in that:

- CAANH is a Community Action Agency;
- CAANH has demonstrated its success in providing Weatherization services;
- CAANH has the requisite experience in assisting families with low incomes in its service area; and
- CAANH has the capacity to undertake a timely and effective Weatherization program, as can be seen in our current program, which is funded by DSS.

The exclusion of CAANH from the Weatherization Stimulus Plan is inconsistent with the DOE Regulations in 10 CFR subpart 440, which provides that preference be given to a Community Action Agency or other nonprofit agency.

DSS is aware of the extensive corrective actions which the CAANH Board of Directors and our President and CEO, Mr. Amos Smith, have implemented on an ongoing basis to remedy the earlier deficiencies attributed by DSS to earlier CAANH administrations. In light of the current successful efforts of CAANH, we believe that we should be given full

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and equal consideration in the Weatherization Stimulus Plan proposed for Connecticut. DSS' proposal to exclude CAANH from the Plan will compromise access to services by families with low incomes in the New Haven area, who rely upon CAANH for all of their Energy assistance needs. These needs have historically included weatherization services.

We urge you to give every consideration by CAANH's request to be included in the Proposed Connecticut State Plan for the Weatherization Program. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Klaus
Board Chair

cc: Amos L. Smith

May 5, 2009

WARNER MARSHALL, Director

Carleen Taylor, Program Manager
Weatherization Assistance Program
Connecticut Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033

RE: Written comment for the DSS PUBLIC HEARING on MAY 5, 2009

Dear Ms. Taylor:

As I hope you may remember, our agency was a Weatherization Assistance Program subgrantee for well over ten years, operating the program on behalf of the City of New Haven. This arrangement ended in 1993 when, as a result of federal funding reductions, DSS decided to return to the original program model and have all subgrantees be local Community Action Agencies only.

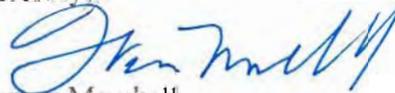
I would like to suggest that we have something to offer in the new ARRA program which was the subject of this morning's hearings. Either as a New Subgrantee, or as a Temporary Subgrantee for the budget period of the program, we have the administrative capacity, and the construction/weatherization experience needed to produce a substantial portion of the 408 units allocated to the New Haven area. The program's reporting requirements and case monitoring procedures are also well known to us.

We work only with local neighborhood minority contractors in our other projects (developing affordable housing for homeownership, and for rental use), and have relationships with a great many New Haven tradesmen. The possibilities for employment of new and younger workers under their charge are enormous.

I am on the Steering Committee for the New Haven Commission on Equal Opportunities, which sponsors a Construction Workforce Initiative program. This would provide a ready source of trained people seeking employment. In addition, I am a state-licensed Lead Planner/Project Designer, and would be equipped to incorporate lead-safe work practices into the program.

We would be glad to participate in this new effort.

Sincerely,



Warner Marshall
Director

cc – Hon. John DeStefano, Mayor
City of New Haven

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DATE SENT: 5/6/09
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MESSAGE:

We would like to add
this to the minutes
of yesterday's public
forum.

Thank You

ZERODRAFT of CT

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May 6, 2009

To: Connecticut Department of Social Services, c/o Carlene O. Taylor - Program Manager

RE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act/Weatherization Assistance Program/Connecticut Plan & Application May 2009

East Coast Contractors & ZeroDraft of Ct, LLC. have been actively working for the Connecticut Community Action Agencies since 2002. Since that time we have completed over 5,000 units with weatherization and insulation services. We currently have contracts with CRT and ABCD and in the past have held contracts also with ACCESS and NOW. We are also contracted by Connecticut Light & Power for WRAP services as well as United Illuminating for their Low Income Program and Home Energy Solutions. Within the past 7 years we have serviced all of these companies/agencies for a total of over 10,000 units weatherized and insulated. We have insulated projects ranging from 600 sq ft homes to 100,000 sq ft apartment complexes. We currently employ 21 workers, ranging from installers, field supervisors, coordinators, and auditors. We are planning on employing over 35 workers within the year's end. Additionally, we have been installing foam and cellulose insulation in homes for many years and consider ourselves on the cutting edge of green product knowledge and installation.

We are writing this letter in concern over section IX. Material Specification and section X. Materials and Installation Guidance.

Section IX. states that the material specification for use within this application was taken from Federal regulation 10CFR Part 440 which was published on February 1st, 2002. It also states that the products procured must be composed of the highest percentage of recoverable materials practicable, taking into consideration competition, availability, technical performance and cost. Under these are listed: Cellulose, Fiberglass, Perlite Board, and Plastic Foams.

Section X. states that "Only" cellulose insulation shall be used because of its superior air sealing qualities.

We would like to point out that Plastic Foams listed under section XI. as an approved material far out performs the other forms of insulation available on this list. Plastic Foam (specifically "Tripolymer" foam) has an R-Value of 5.1 per inch vs. Cellulose at 3.5 and fiberglass at 3.2. Additionally, Tripolymer foam can be used in homes where the walls are currently full of under-performing fiberglass. Out of 100 homes audited about 25% will have no insulation in the sidewalls. This means that under the above guidelines only 25% of the homes we audit under this plan will be able to have cellulose blown into their sidewalls. This being, because cellulose cannot be installed in homes that have fiberglass already in the walls. Cellulose, when installed correctly (dense packed), can effectively slow air movement down but it is far from "superior" as stated above for its air-sealing. In all older homes there are fire blocks, obstructions, framing cross-members, nailers, wires, pipes and many other things within the sidewalls. Cellulose bridges on all of these items, dense packed or not, and leaves large voids with the thermal envelope. Often, when trying to ensure a properly insulated wall cavity, Cellulose is over filled, blowing out the interior walls. This creates customer dissatisfaction, costly repairs, inconvenience to our clients, and overall ill-will towards the installation company. Cellulose also leaves a very big mess at homes after its installed. To dense pack cellulose you need to create a large amount of air pressure within the cavity to try and avoid "bridging". This air pressure is exhausted on the outside of the home, particularizing the cellulose over the client's property. Even the best clean-up crews can only normally get 80% of what was carried over the lawn, shrubs, and landscaping. Cellulose has great "green" characteristics being that it is made from recycled newspaper and it serves well to inhibit flame spread and pest invasions. We feel that the good characteristics of this material are best served in attics where most homes do need upgrades to their insulation. If an attic is properly air-sealed, cellulose can serve as a great reflector of radiant heat in the summer and it also serves as a great way to re-insulate, with little disturbance to the homeowner, to bring under insulated attics up to the proper R-values to keep in the conditioned air during those cold winter months.

Tripolymer foam is an injected foam that does not expand. It is a plastic based "polymer" and was formulated for retrofitting older homes. It seeps around all obstructions without blowing out the interior walls. It is also cleaned up very easy. It does not particularize like Cellulose therefore the excess material is not blown all over the neighborhood. Plastic foam is an amazing air sealer, allowing no air movement in a sidewall cavity once cured. Installing plastic foam in sidewalls eliminates the need for outlet gaskets, interior caulking, top plate sealing, and penetration sealing. This great advantage eliminates and offsets the need for a large portion of air sealing work that the weatherization crews are doing. With its high R-value, an empty 2x4 wall can be insulated to R 17.85, which is 6.85 over code and a fiberglass wall can be re-insulated and air-sealed to an R-value of 15.95. Tripolymer has zero toxicity, it uses compressed air for installation unlike other

foam products which are harmful to installers and our environment. Also, comparatively priced to other foams, Tripolymer foam is the cheapest in its category in regards to affordability, costing slightly more than Cellulose. Tripolymer foam is also specifically mentioned on the Dept of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy site. Quoted from this website; "Tripolymer foam—a water-soluble foam—is injected into wall cavities. It has excellent resistance to fire and air intrusion." The following url from the above phrase contains more information about this foams performance:

http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/insulation_airsealing/index.cfm/mytopic=11700

In closing, we wish to have the term "only cellulose" removed from page 17 & 18 of section X. when referring to insulations used for sidewall upgrades. We feel that the material specification is outdated being created in 2002. There are newer and better ways to insulate that have been employed since then. We also feel that these stimulus monies are intended to improve energy efficiency in the best possible way. Limiting this area of the home to a lesser performing product is counteracting the intentions of these funds as well as severely limiting the number of homes whose sidewalls can be retro-fitted to as low as 15-25%.

Sincerely,



Paul Paris Jr.

Managing Member – East Coast Contractors & ZeroDraft of Ct



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From: Ronald P. DaMotta, Jr.
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To: CARLENE O. TAYLOR

Subject: WAP

Date: 5/5/09

Pages: 3

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Reply []

Comments:

Ms. Taylor: Please review the attached
letter regarding the Weatherization Assistance
Program and add my comments/concerns
to the public forum minutes of yesterday's
meeting at 25 Sigoorney St.

Thank you,

Ron DaMotta

May 5, 2009

Carlene O. Taylor
Manager
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT

Re: Weatherization Assistance Program

Dear Ms. Taylor:

I attended the public forum regarding the ARRA of 2009 and found it very informative. The information you presented was helpful, concise, and well organized. There are a couple of concerns, however, that I feel I need to address.

While reading through the ARRA information packet I noticed in the "Sidewall Insulation" section (page 17-18), cellulose insulation was listed as the recommended product. I own an insulation company that offers a polyurethane based spray foam, an injection foam for existing, or retro-fit applications, and also a blown-in cellulose product. We have installed the cellulose product for years and I am well aware of it's limitations.

The primary concern I have with the recommendation to use cellulose is with the word "only" in the information packet. This product would not work in many, if not most, of the applications. You can not inject cellulose into a cavity that contains existing fiberglass insulation. Also, any cavity that contains pipes, wires, electrical boxes or complex framing would also make this product impractical, if not impossible to install. These obstructions would cause large voids in the wall to remain uninsulated.

There is a product on the market called Tripolymer injection foam. This is a foam that is primarily used for retro-fit applications. Tripolymer is also listed on the Department of Energy's website as a recommended product for this type of application. Price-wise, Tripolymer is in line with cellulose and other conventional insulations. It also has a higher R-factor, is an air-barrier (cellulose is not), and has exceptional fireproofing qualities. It will convert a ½ hour rated wall to a 1 ½ or 2 hour fire-rated wall.

This weatherization stimulus package is unprecedented in both scope and funding. There is a clear goal that has been set forth by the D.O.E. and President Obama's administration. This program is designed to create lasting jobs, save energy, to assist those who need help paying their monthly utility bills, and to make the USA a little less dependent on foreign oil.

I'm asking your agency to re-evaluate the mandated use of cellulose insulation and to consider using a superior product that was specifically designed for this type of application. If we decide to use cellulose, an inferior product, I'm afraid we may fall short of reaching our goal – to ultimately save energy.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call at the below listed number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald P. DaMotta, Jr.".

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New Opportunities, Inc., the community action agency located in Waterbury, CT. is ready, willing and able to assume the lead role in the provisions of Weatherization services under the ARRA Weatherization Assistant Program [WAP] for the communities located in the service area of the Community Action Agency of New Haven [CAANH] as delineated in Appendix 2. New Opportunities has a rich history of approximately 45 years in providing comprehensive, holistic services to low income residents, ranging from LIHEAP, DOE Weatherization, Head Start, Elderly Nutrition, Information & Referral, Case Management, Foster-care, HIV AIDS to name several. New Opportunities has been designated as a Community Housing Development Organization [CHDO] by the State of CT, Department of Economic and Community Development.

New Opportunities is proposing to have the work accomplished through a combination of sub-contracting with the Community Renewal Team, Inc. [CRT] of Hartford, and Training Education and Manpower, Inc [TEAM] of Derby, as well as directly administering crews. All three agencies have experience in providing weatherization services to low income households as a grantee of the DOE weatherization program administered by DSS.

New Opportunities, Inc. has historically maintained its own crew, energy auditing staff and supervisors. All agency staff maintain required credentials to ensure that state of the art energy conservation techniques are utilized. We are regularly upgrading our equipment to ensure that state of the art services are provided – ie blower door, combustion efficiency testing equipment, infrared cameras. Best practices are utilized to ensure the maximization of energy savings in the dwellings of our low income residents. We serve as the Statewide Training grantee for all DSS funded weatherization programs, facilitating and coordinating various training activities identified by the Department.

As a grantee in good standing with the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, we have been a weatherization grantee of the Department since the inception of the Low Income Weatherization Program, currently providing services to 39 communities. In a reorganization of the weatherization grantees conducted by the Department in mid 1990's, New Opportunities was awarded the weatherization service areas of the Community Action Agency of Danbury, and the former Meriden Community Action Agency. In addition during this transition, on an interim basis we provided weatherization to communities located in TEAMS' service area. With this expansion, New Opportunities has documented its ability to expand its service area, and provide quality, timely weatherization service to LIHEAP customers. This expansion provided us with the experience of customer collaboration with each of the three community action agencies who provided eligibility determination for LIHEAP.

Towns to be covered in the Greater New Haven area are:

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| Ansonia | Hamden | Oxford |
| Beacon Falls | Milford | Seymour |
| Bethany | New Haven | Shelton |
| Derby | North Haven | West Haven |
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Per Appendix 2, 408 units will be completed in the Greater New Haven area, and 120 units in the Derby area. New Opportunities will complete work on 204 units, with CRT completing 204 units, and TEAM 120. TEAM will be completing the units in the municipalities that they are currently providing LIHEAP services

New Opportunities, Inc. has discussed with CAANH and TEAM the coordination of information on eligible LIHEAP customers and their waiting list for ARRA weatherization services. Both agencies have pledged to work closely with New Opportunities, Inc. in transmitting the required information. New Opportunities, CRT, and TEAM, currently administer LIHEAP, CSBG and other various programs targeted for the low income vulnerable households in their communities. Various outreach techniques are utilized to ensure that eligible households are aware of these services. Outreach activities range from the traditional PSA and news articles, to speaking at local community meetings, local public access TV shows, bill boards on meals on wheels trucks and at church meetings. Outreach materials are developed in languages appropriate to the service area, as well as having staff that can communicate in the customer's language of origin.

New Opportunities and CRT are current contractors for utility sponsored energy conservation programs and the Oil Conservation Board, Heating System Replacement Program. We look forward to being able to leverage these dollars with the ARRA WAP funds to ensure comprehensive installation of all necessary conservation material in the home.

New Opportunities, Inc. will work closely with the Workforce Alliance [WIA Work Force Board], and their Construction Job Funnel to secure low income, unemployed, individuals to work on the crews. We are estimating the creation of 15-20 new jobs as the result of establishing crews and newly trained auditors. Our partnering agencies [CRT/TEAM] have not finalized the mix of sub-contracting and crews that they will be utilizing for this work. Once New Opportunities has been approved or upon the request of the Department, a detailed budget and narrative will be provided outlining how the project will be administered and the actual number of total jobs to be created.

We look forward to this new and exciting endeavor to work in collaboration with all parties in order to provide the necessary relief for those most vulnerable having the highest home energy cost.