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Dear Sirs:

The New York District Corps of Engineers received and opened five bids on 8 September 2000 in response to solicitation DACW51-00-B-0011, Contract Area 7 of the Kill Van Kull & Newark Bay Channel Phase II Deepening Project. The contract area lies in the Port Elizabeth Channel.

The apparent low bidder is Donjon Marine, Inc. of Hillside, New Jersey. After an exhaustive review of information submitted by the low offeror in support of his bid, we are prepared to make an award to Donjon Marine, Inc.

As you are aware, the bid schedule as configured allows award of either of two disposal alternatives for non-HARS materials to be dredged from the contract area. The preferred alternative, which specifies upland disposal at OENJ Cherokee, will require payment of a differential cost of \$4 million borne by the nonfederal sponsor. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the bid abstract that specifically identifies the above differential cost between disposal at OENJ and the other alternative, disposal at the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF).

Award of the contract is contingent upon your decision to execute a letter agreement with the Corps of Engineers for your payment of additional costs for the upland disposal alternative as well as providing the requisite funds. Because of the significant time that has elapsed since bids were opened and in order not to severely impact the project schedule, we would greatly appreciate your efforts to provide the letter agreement and full funding for the \$ 4 million differential as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Harold J. Hawkins, Project Manager at (212)-264-9092.

Sincerely

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