EA03-007

Martin Haefele

From: Martin Haefele
Sent: January 29, 2004 10:54 AM
To: 'Ricki Hurst'; Marie Adams (adamsm@inac.gc.ca)
Cc: Vern Christensen, Executive Director
Subject: RE: Response Mackenzie Gas Project - participant funding

Good Morning:

I am still interested in briefly getting together to go over the options for participant funding for the Mackenzie Gas Project Environmental Assessment. The Review Board will be dealing with the EA work plan during its meeting starting Tuesday February 3. It is important for the Board to know about the participant funding before deciding on community or regional hearings. If we could meet on Friday (i.e. tomorrow) I would greatly appreciate it. Vern may participate in the meeting as well, if he is available.

These are some of the questions we would want to go over:

- How much can an individual organization access?
- Can an organization access funds now and again later in the panel review process?
- What is the process to access the funds?
- What are the time lines for accessing funds? E.g. if there is a regional hearing in Inuvik during the first week of March, can an organization access funding in time to prepare and participate in this hearing?
- Which organizations have been made aware of this opportunity and what details do they know? The distribution list of a letter we have contained 8 organizations and didn't detail the process to access the funds.
- The letter mentions partnering and cost sharing with industry and GNWT. Is this a requirement? If so, what are the chances funds can really be made available in time to participate in our EA process?

Thank you very much for your consideration
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ricki Hurst [mailto:hurstr@inac-ainc.gc.ca]
> Sent: January 25, 2004 1:12 PM
> To: Marie Adams; Martin Haefele
> Cc: Jim Martin; Vern Christensen, Executive Director
> Subject: Re: Response Mackenzie Gas Project - participant funding
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> Hi Martin. I would be happy to have Marie or I meet to
> discuss issues of participant funding, but could we look at
> doing this later next week. Both Marie and I are out of town
> Monday and Tuesday?
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> To add to Marie's note to you, and as we stated in our
> response on the work plan (Hurst to Burlingame of January 9, 2004).
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> purpose of the MVERIB EA Review, and indeed we expect it will
> also be used to consult with the MGP proponents and prepare
> for the full Panel Review in the future.
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> to that effect in the past although this type of dedicated
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> Panel stage. Communities will be able to access these funds
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> (This is indeed another reason I believe why it may be
> preferable to reach the more comprehensive Panel Review stage).
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> I hope this has clarified these issues somewhat and I'll wait
> to hear from you as to the suitability of a meeting in the
> future. I have copied Vern and Jim Martin because I know
> they are talking about similar issues.
> Ricki
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> >>> "Martin Haefele" <MHaefele@mveirb.nt.ca> 01/20/04 04:45PM >>>
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> gather the views of individuals and communicate them to the
> Board via written submissions and/or hearings in regional centres.
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Vern Christensen, Executive Director

From: Jim Martin [martinj@inac-ainc.gc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2004 12:27 PM
To: Vern Christensen, Executive Director
Subject: Community Capacity $$ - to support in EA and RegulatoryProcesses for Pipeline


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** High Priority **

Hi Vern,

Please find attached a sample letter and related distribution list I received from Ricki. The official signed version was distributed to a number of community organizations advising them of a regional pot of funds that is now available to support their participation in EA and Regulatory Processes pertaining to the MV Pipeline.

These funds could be accessed by these organizations to support participation in your mid-level EA processes.

Talk to you later.

Jim

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December 15, 2003

President Gordon Yakeleya
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Dear President Yakeleya:

Re: Capacity Building Funding for the Mackenzie Gas Project

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of our continuing efforts to identify and help support some of the most immediate and pressing capacity needs of the regions and/or communities that are being impacted directly by the planning work that is underway associated with the proposed Mackenzie Valley Gas Pipeline.

While we recognize that capacity needs may shift as the proposed project moves through various planning, review and decision phases, our recent discussions with communities and regions point to the need for some immediate support to enable communities and/or regions to engage in the preparatory planning and liaison and in some cases negotiations with industry and/or government.

We are pleased to advise you that we have been successful in obtaining the support of our department to reprofile a limited amount of financial resources for the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2004. We also have identified some programs within our Aboriginal Economic Development portfolio that may be able to be accessed for certain types of needs. To this end, we have asked our staff in PRO to contact your representative prior to the Christmas Holidays to discuss how we may be able to help you support some of your essential needs.

Through partnering and coordination with/between your organization/communities and, where feasible, cost sharing with industry and/or the Government of the Northwest Territories, your needs for the short and medium term should be able to be addressed.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, we invite you to contact Matthew Spence or Heidi Heder in our Pipeline Readiness Office.

On behalf of the staff here in DIAND Northwest Territories Region, we would like to extend our best wishes for the Christmas Holidays and for 2004.

Sincerely,

Bob Overvold
Regional Director General
Northwest Territories

Lorne Tricoteux
Associate Regional Director General
Northwest Territories

December 15, 2003

Capacity Building Funding for the Mackenzie Gas Project Letter

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