

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #11: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. Letter of Appreciation

Attached is a letter of appreciation from April 19, 2014 to Mr. Randy Keaton, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director, and HRPDC staff from Ms. Susan Gaston, Principal of Gaston Group for their informative presentation to the Virginia Peninsula Association of Realtors meeting.

Attachment 11-A

B. Thank you Letter

Attached is a letter dated April 22, 2014 to Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner from Major Amy Dehart, Virginia Military Institute thanking him for his participation at the 25th Annual Environmental Virginia Symposium, Collective Impact: Working Together to Create a Positive Environmental Legacy.

Attachment 11-B

C. Thank you Letter

Attached is a letter dated April 29, 2014 to Mr. Curtis Brown, HRPDC Regional Emergency Management Administrator from Ms. Susan Mongold and Erica Bernstein of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management stating their appreciation for his involvement in the 2014 Healthcare Organizations Emergency Preparedness Seminar (HOEPS).

Attachment 11-C

D. Thank you Letter

Attached is a letter dated April 29, 2014 to Ms. Dawn Brantley, HRPDC Special Needs Planner from Ms. Susan Mongold and Erica Bernstein from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management commending her participation in the 2014 Healthcare Organizations Emergency Preparedness Seminar and HOEPS Committee.

Attachment 11-D

E. U.S. Navy Invitation to Old Dominion University Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute Program Debut

Attached is a letter dated May 20, 2014 to the HRPDC Executive Director informing him of the new Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute program at Old Dominion University and extending an invitation to the June 3, 2014 event.

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F. Support for the Old Dominion University Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute

Attached is a letter dated May 29, 2014 to U.S. Navy Assistant Secretary of Energy, Installations and Environment from HRPDC Executive Director Mr. Dwight Farmer indicating the HRPDC supports the Institute and stated the newly formed Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise Committee will coordinate with ODU to accomplish the Committees objectives.

Attachment 11-F



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April 19, 2014

Dear Randy,

Many thanks for traversing the tarmac to our side of the water for the Virginia Peninsula Association of Realtors' General Membership Meeting last Tuesday. Everyone in attendance has commented on how much they enjoyed the visiting procedure with your staff! It was insightful, thought provoking and fun, and the

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feedback has been extraordinarily positive. Once the details are compiled and digested, and hopefully used in the regional comprehensive plans development, we would enjoy the opportunity to provide feedback and learn of where the aggregated comments and data were deployed. In a nutshell, the morning was very valuable, highly positive and so well received! Kudos to HRPDC!

Thank you again for your time and your interest. If ever we can be of assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Warmest regards, (Susan)

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Environment Virginia
25th Annual Symposium
April 8-10, 2014

Collective Impact:
Working Together to Create a Positive Environmental Legacy

April 22, 2014

Ben McFarlane
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Ben McFarlane,

On behalf of the Virginia Military Institute, I would like to thank you for presenting at the 25th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium, *Collective Impact: Working Together to Create a Positive Environmental Legacy*.

We are grateful to you for the time and expertise you contributed to the symposium program. I know that the attendees gained important information and understanding from your participation.

We welcome ideas you may have on how to increase the value of the symposium to environmental efforts in the commonwealth. I invite you to participate in the online survey and/or contact me directly.

I hope that you enjoyed your visit to Lexington and the VMI Post.

Sincerely,



Amy K. DeHart
Major, Virginia Militia
Assistant Director

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April 29, 2014

Curtis Brown
Emergency Management Administrator
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Mr. Brown,

We want you to know how much we appreciate you taking the time to be at this year's Healthcare Organizations Emergency Preparedness Seminar. We understand what a time commitment this was in addition to your already demanding schedule.

Your knowledge and experience was valuable in helping local healthcare providers understand the Hampton Roads Behavioral Study and how that study was significant to preparedness. Your material was well researched and engaging in presentation style. Sharing the resources and trainings that are available to local healthcare providers is exactly what makes these seminars successful and beneficial to all participants.

Thank you again for participating in making HOEPS 2014 a success!

Kind Regards,

Handwritten signature of Susan Mongold.

Susan Mongold
Director, Training & Exercises

Handwritten signature of Erica Bernstein.

Erica Bernstein
RCPT Training Coordinator

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April 29, 2014

Dawn Brantley
Regional Inclusive Emergency Planner
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Dawn,

We had such a great time working with you on the HOEPS Committee. We think the turnout was fantastic and we were very happy with our track. We appreciate you presenting during the Include Planning for EMs and Providers and we understand what a time commitment this was in addition to all your other HOEPS responsibilities.

Your knowledge and experience was valuable in helping local healthcare providers have an even better understanding of how to address functional needs populations in emergency planning. Your material was informative and compelling and that is exactly the type of presentation that helps make these seminars successful and beneficial to attendees.

Thank you again for participating in making HOEPS 2014 a success!

Kind Regards,

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Susan Mongold
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“Working to Protect People, Property and Our Communities”

Attachment 11-D



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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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MAY 20 2014

Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
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Dear Executive Director:

Old Dominion University (ODU) is proposing to lead an effort in the Hampton Roads area to study "sea-level rise" and climate change. ODU proposes to involve federal, state, local governments as well as industry groups to collectively assess sea-level rise vulnerabilities and devise adaptive measures. The ODU program will be called the "Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute (MARI)." ODU envisions a two to three year effort with the first year focused on developing a baseline approach and regional template. The succeeding years would focus on developing the tools to address specific mitigation and adaptation measures. The "rollout" of this program is scheduled for June 3, 2014 at ODU.

While the Department of the Navy is not endorsing any particular program at this time, I am seeking more information about ODU's program to see if it may be useful in the Hampton Roads area. I'm working my schedule in an attempt to attend the pilot rollout in June and thought you might be interested as well. In the meantime, the Navy will continue to work with Universities and academia, among others, nationwide to help us address these important issues.

If you are interested in attending or just learning more about the Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute, you can contact either VADM (Retired) Dave Architzel or Mr. Ray Toll at email address: rtoll@odu.edu, or telephone: 757-635-0831. A similar letter has been sent to The Honorable John Harvey and The Honorable Molly Ward.

Sincerely,

Dennis V. McGinn

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May 29, 2014

The Honorable Dennis V. McGinn
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Energy, Installations and Environment
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

RE: Old Dominion University Mitigation and Adaptation Research
Institute

Dear Assistant Secretary McGinn:

Thank you for your letter of May 20, 2014 advising me of the Department of the Navy's interest in Old Dominion University's "Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute (MARI)." It is my understanding that this new institute will study sea-level rise in the Hampton Roads area and develop tools and specific mitigation and adaptation measures. The staff of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has been working with Old Dominion University on this and related issues for several years. Sea-level rise is a major concern for Hampton Roads localities, and this past March the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission voted to create a special Committee with three objectives:

- 1) Develop specific recommendations related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise adaptation and mitigation for local governments.
- 2) Advocate for support and action by the state government and federal government.
- 3) Serve as the primary regional contact to coordinate efforts with federal agencies and academic institutions.

We look forward to working with Old Dominion in coordination with our new Committee on this important topic for the Hampton Roads region. I will be attending the June 3rd program at Old Dominion University and our Deputy Executive Director, Randy Keaton, will be on the panel due to my impending retirement on June 30th.

Thank you again for your letter, and I look forward to meeting you on June 3rd.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

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