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From: Ilan, Lee [lilan@cityhall.nyc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2002 9:39 AM
To: 'Jim Alexander'; 'Lai-sun Yee'; Sumowicz, Alessandra; Miller, James; Blatchford, Laurel; Barowitz, Jordan; Kupferman, Susan; Benson, Sam
Cc: 'Bruce Rottner'; 'Bob Avaltroni'; Lanaghan, Mark
Subject: 125 Cedar Brouhaha

FYI-

At yesterday afternoon's Lower Manhattan Task Force meeting, Bob Avaltroni of DEP reported some of the following information about work taking place and some residents' personal items being stolen from 125 Cedar Street. I spoke with Bruce Rottner of DDC to clarify what's been going on. (Bob, Bruce - if I get any of this wrong, please correct me.)

Sheldon Silver is having a previously scheduled meeting with residents of 125 Cedar this afternoon - DEP will be there, EPA likely as well - and this issue may become politicized. EPA's pilot location to study the effectiveness of cleaning techniques for WTC dust is close by (110 Liberty, a.k.a. 113-117 Cedar.)

In the course of doing inspections to close out recovery operations around the WTC site, FDNY found human remains on the roof of 90 West Street. They looked at some neighboring buildings too and developed a scope of work for debris they found, including steel and large pieces of the towers' facades, to be moved to the pit where FDNY would sort through it. Using this scope of work, DDC hired a contractor (called EROC, not "Iraq") to move the debris; this has been going on in 8 buildings in the area for the past two days. DEP and EPA personnel who were in the area observed that the contractor's staff were not wearing personal protective equipment and were not using wet wipe techniques after removing debris. Bruce notes the contractor had been instructed to have personnel wear half-face respirators with vapor cartridges and in some cases, more protective gear. DDC is having the debris handled in the same manner as other WTC debris found in the pit. After FDNY inspection and clearance for disposal, it will be discarded as traditional construction material, in accordance with a Governors Order.

Yesterday it came to light that some items are missing from people's apartments. The building's landlord and residents are very upset. It is likely that this afternoon's meeting, rather than showcasing the responsible approach the government agencies are taking towards work in the area, will focus on the problems with the debris removal and the missing belongings.

Hope this is helpful,
 Lee

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From: Gilsenan, Michael (ex)
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2002 2:25 PM
To: Atteloney, Leonard; Atteloney, Leonard
Cc: Avaltroni, Robert; Avaltroni, Robert; Fawzy, Moustafa (ex); Fawzy, Moustafa (ex); Hanna, Kim; Hanna, Kim
Subject: Lab assistance

Leonard,

Next week the cleanup of building exteriors will commence. This is a very important project for DEP and the City. Please ensure that the air monitor is all set to go. It's probably a good idea to be present the first day or two and, thereafter, as you deem necessary. I spoke to Moustafa previously, and George can be used on the weekends to assist in these efforts. Greg should be able to help during the week.

Thanks,

Mike

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2002 4:09 PM
To: Ward, Chris
Subject: EPA Matrix Meeting

Kathleen Callahan has scheduled a meeting regarding the above for Monday, 6/10, at 2:30 p.m. This conflicts with the Environmental Health & Safety meeting. I would think you would want me to go to the EPA meeting. Please advise.

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Avaltroni, Robert
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2002 4:36 PM
To: Ward, Chris
Subject: 125 Cedar Street

FYI, we just learned (4:30 p.m. Friday) that the Fire Department has not yet finished its recovery effort at 125 Cedar. They are now expecting to finish sometime on Tuesday, June 11. If they finish as indicated, we can begin our clean up efforts on Wednesday, June 12.

Avaltroni, Robert

From: Erdfarb, Stuart
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2002 4:27 PM
To: Avaltroni, Robert
Subject: FW: Lower Manhattan Communications Consultant Selection

FYI

—Original Message—

From: Erdfarb, Stuart **On Behalf Of** Erdfarb, Stuart
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2002 1:01 PM
To: Ward, Chris
Subject: FW: Lower Manhattan Communications Consultant Selection

I spoke with Laura Blatchford. The procurement process used by EDC mirrors that used by DEC and EPA, but not by the City. It appears that all the right steps were taken and I see no reason not to confirm the EDC selection. Laura tells me, however, that the selection committee has not yet finalized its choice and is still looking at the two finalists. She mentioned that the contract may have to go through DEP in order to get the FEMA reimbursement. I told her that I did not know how that could be done. She asked for someone to speak to so I gave her Jeff Weinstein's telephone number at the Mayor's Office of Contracts. I did advise her, however, that calling him may open a Pandora's box and that she should tread carefully.

—Original Message—

From: Erdfarb, Stuart **On Behalf Of** Erdfarb, Stuart
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2002 12:41 PM
To: 'LBLATCHFORD@CITYHALL.NYC.GOV'
Cc: Ward, Chris
Subject: Lower Manhattan Communications Consultant Selection

I am the Agency Chief Contracting Officer at DEP and Commissioner Chris Ward asked that I review the process that was used by EDC to procure the Consultant for the Lower Manhattan Communications project. I have a few questions.

How was it decided that the committee (made up of the Deputy Mayor for Eco Devel & Bldg Office and EDC reps) would evaluate the top 23 firms as ranked by the EDC committee? Why 23? Subsequently, the top 7 were selected? If the top 7 were selected, what is the significance of the 23? Why was there an intermediate step?

When the final 2 firms were considered, were they re-scored and re-ranked based upon the presentations made at City Hall? If not, how was the selection of the BEST made?

Was cost considered at all? If not, how will cost be arrived at?

Thanks very much.

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