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This letter serves as an expression of my interest in being considered for the Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) National Liaison (NL) position. A brief resume of my professional work history is included as Attachment 1. The following statements are made in direct response to the NL selection criteria stated in the Position Description adopted by the Board on 7 March 2014:

- My tenure on the HAB started in June 2012. When the successful candidate is selected in late 2014 I will have served 2.5 years on the HAB. In the spring of 2014 I was selected as the Issue Manager for development of HAB advice to DOE on the 2015 Budgets. This advice was adopted by the Board and sent to DOE the following month. Currently, I serve as a member of the River and Plateau Committee (RPC) and the Budget and Contracts Committee (BCC). I also serve on an issue team tasked to develop HAB comments on a CRESR Risk Prioritization Study.
- I am willing and welcome the opportunity to serve on the HAB Executive Issues Committee. I have served in a similar capacity in every position held since 1978. The most comparable experience involved serving on the Steering Committee of the Nuclear Non Operating Owners Group while employed by the Bonneville Power Administration. The Steering Committee identified the most significant issues of the commercial nuclear industry and arranged to bring in national experts to a planned semi-annual national conference to address those issues. The group was formed by 8 utilities around 1990 and grew to over 110 public and private utilities within 5 years. I was a founding member of the group and for 2 years served as its Chairman of the Board. In addition, I served on the Steering Committee (Comparable to an Executive Board) for 8 years.
- I am willing and look forward to the opportunity to inform the HAB community on the national issues of our industry. Essential to performing this role successfully will be keeping informed through newsletters, public notices, industry journals, web sites, newspaper articles and public documents. It will also be important to fully understand all sides of the issues and the merits of each position in order to be able to provide balanced information to groups with a wide range of interests and points of view.

Additional information regarding work history:

- During the first 7 years of my career I served an apprenticeship in federal shipyard. When the program was completed I began taking college courses and graduated from Eastern Washington University through the Joint Graduate Center in Richland with a BA in Public Administration.
- Working as a civilian at Sub Base Bangor, WA I received extensive Radiological Emergency Response training at Livermore Laboratories (about 160 hours) and was certified to manage a cleanup team.
- While serving on the Richland City Council I was appointed to the Board of Directors for Hanford Communities (HC), a local entity, and the Board of Directors for the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) in Washington, DC. My tenure on the HC board was 5 years with the last 4 as Board Chairman (elected by board members). My tenure on ECA was 6 years. These roles led to visiting many DOE sites undergoing cleanup to discuss lessons learned and share best practice

information with their staffs. These roles also allowed annual visits to Washington, DC to meet with elected federal officials, their staffs and Congressional committees to discuss and offer support for DOE's budget requests for Hanford's cleanup programs. Additionally, while in this role, I was invited to participate in several national forums that involved discussion with DOE and state government executives on DOE's emerging waste management strategies and plans.

- When reviewing my career as a whole an observation that can be made is that I have been involved in many varied aspects of the commercial and defense nuclear industry including:
  - Certified for managing emergency response actions (assessment/containment/cleanup) for nuclear accidents/spills for the NAVY
  - Managed a refurbishment program for limited life components for operational/tactical strategic weapons systems for the NAVY
  - Certified as a Nuclear Weapons Officer (civilian) for the NAVY
  - Test Operations Officer for the Nevada Test Site (NTS)
  - Project manager for radionuclide uptake studies in animals and vegetation at the Area 12 EPA farm at the NTS
  - Project manager for radionuclide migration studies in the NTS soil and groundwater
  - Radionuclide containment within emplacement holes for underground testing at NTS
  - Nuclear Emergency Search Team (NEST) response to potential nuclear threats/ terrorism
  - Licensing/quality assurance/construction of commercial nuclear generation facilities at Hanford (CGS + WNP-1), Satsop (WNP-3) and the Trojan Project in Oregon
  - Board member for Hanford Communities and Energy Communities Alliance
  - HAB member since June, 2012
- Now that I am fully retired I have considerable free time available to travel and concentrate on educating myself on all aspects of the nuclear issues that DOE, its contractors and the HAB will face as they move forward with future cleanup activities at the Hanford site.

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6/2012 to present: Member of the **Hanford Advisory Board (HAB)** representing local business interests for **TRIDEC**.

2/2006 – 12/31/2011: Member of the **Richland City Council**

- Elected as one of seven members on the Council (all with equal power) to represent the interests of all citizens of the city by participating in development of a city vision and long range strategic plan development; set policies; adopt ordinances and an approve an annual budget; approve contracts; appoint individuals to commissions, boards and other special advisory entities and to hire the city manager.
- Elected by Council to serve for two full terms (four years) as the Mayor Pro Tem.
- Appointed by the governor as a Board member for the Hanford Area Economic Investment Fund Committee.
- Appointed by Council as a member of Hanford Communities (Elected Chairman) and the Energy Communities Alliance.
- Appointed by Council as a Board Member on the Tri Cities Regional Public Facilities District (TCRPFDD).
- Appointed by Council as Liaison to the Utility Advisory Committee and the Richland Public Facilities District (RPFDD).
- As Mayor Pro Tem served as member of Police and Firefighter's Retirement Boards.

10/1998 to 6/2006 **Benton Public Utility District (PUD) – Director of Retail Services**

- Member of the PUD's Executive Leadership Team and played a key role in the PUD's strategic planning, Departmental Operational Planning, District policy development and community economic development initiatives.
- Responsible for managing the development, construction and operation of the PUD's Broadband Fiber Optics Program.
- Managed the development and implementation of a financial incentive program for energy conservation measures.
- Served as the PUD's representative and/or board member to CARES, NWPPA, NIU, NoaNet, the Columbia Snake River Irrigators Association and served on several TRIDEC Committees.
- Managed a Customer Services and Key Accounts Program. Frequently met with customer groups to discuss emerging issues, resolve problems, application of District policies, rates and availability of new products and services.
- Managed all activities involving load forecasting, cost of service analysis and rate development studies and rate proposals.
- Served on the Prosser Economic Development Association's (PEDA) Board of Directors for several years.
- Completed an Electric Utility Executive development program.

1/1985 to 10/1998 **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)**

- Last assignment (3.5 years) – Served as a **Senior Accounts Executive** (GS-15) responsible for managing BPA's overall relationship with its major customers in the Mid Columbia Basin and SE Washington. Basically, served as the Power Manager for the local area. Negotiated/modified and approved contracts (power sales, conservation and etc) with customers. Visited customers on a regular basis to provide policy and issue updates and to identify and resolve problems. Served as BPA's representative to the American Public Power Association, Washington PUD Association, the Northwest Public Power Council and Northwest Irrigation Utilities. Also conducted regional public rate hearings. Responsible for the development of \$150 Million in annual revenues. Designated a Federal Contracting Officer.
- **Branch Chief in BPA's Nuclear Oversight Office** in residence at the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS – now Energy Northwest [ENW]) for 10 years. Through a staff of senior professionals managed a BPA oversight program for all WPPSS Nuclear Licensing, Q/A, Project Management (WNP-1/3), financial, legal, IT, and other administrative and business functions. Served as the official representative of the BPA Administrator to the ENW's Full Board, Executive Board, Participants Review Board and Project Owner Groups. Performed the same role for BPA's 30% ownership interest in the Trojan Nuclear Project. Represented BPA at the American Public Power Association (APPA), Electric Utility Cost Group (EUCG), Nuclear Non Operating Owners Group (Founding member and Past Chairman) and the Public Power Council (PPC).
- Completed an Executive Development Program, an International Energy Policy Development Program and an intense 18 month executive Power Marketing and Sales Program.

7/1979 to 1/1985 **U. S. DOE/Nevada Operations Office (NVOO)**

- Last assignment – Served 3.5 years as the **DOE Site Manager** of the Tonopah Test Range (TTR). Responsible for oversight of all DOE/NVOO's contractors involved in the design, construction and civilian maintenance and operation support for all on site facilities supporting the U. S. Air Force F-117A Stealth Fighter Base. Functioned as the civilian counterpart to the Air Force Base Commander. On several occasions served as the Acting Director of the Nevada Test Site Support Office (NTSSO).

- Test Operations Officer (TOO) and War Room briefer at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) for the Underground Nuclear Testing Program. Responsible for oversight of the off-site health safety program and NTS site security during testing periods.
- Served as the Executive Secretary for the Containment Evaluation Panel (CEP) and prepared the correspondence and documentation necessary for DOE headquarters to secure the President's Detonation Authority.
- Provided DOE oversight and project management for several radio nuclide uptake studies at the Area 12 EPA farm and the on-site Low Level nuclear waste disposal site at the NTS.
- Logistics Officer for the Nuclear Emergency Search Team (NEST). Completed training and was certified/qualified to respond to potential nuclear threats and emergencies when activated. Participated in Broken Arrow exercises in the southwest.
- Completed extensive training and was certified as a Contracting Officer and Project Manager for DOE.

2/1959 to 7/1979 Held a variety of U. S. Navy civilian positions around the USA – Last assignment was at the **Strategic Weapons Facility – Pacific** located on the Naval Submarine Base in Bangor, WA as **Resource Manager** for the Weapons Dept.

- Responsible for all Production Control functions related to maintaining a sufficient inventory of operationally ready Polaris Missiles for the Pacific Fleet.
- Responsible for managing the inspection and acceptance by the U S Navy for all modified and new facilities related to the conversion of the base to process the TRIDENT missile.
- Completed training as a Nuclear Weapons Officer through Kirkland AFB, NM.
- Managed a workforce of about 50 military and 50 civilians.

#### **Special Recognition:**

- Civilian medal equal to the military silver star awarded by Sub Base Bangor for role in TRIDENT missile conversion (1979)
- Several USAF Tactical Air Command (TAC) Awards for Professional Excellence for support efforts at TTR (1985)
- Wood Badge Award (1983), Award of Merit (1984) and Silver Beaver Award (1989) from Boy Scouts of America
- Federal Employee of Year for community service award given by the Greater Portland Federal Executive Board (1994)
- Rotary Distinguished Service Award by Richland Rotary Club (1994 through 1996)
- U. S. DOE Distinguished Career Service Award by the BPA Administrator on retirement from federal service (1998)
- Rotarian of the Year Award by the Pasco-Kennewick Rotary Club (2007 – 2008)

#### **Descriptors heard most often from others:**

- Big picture person with broad experiences
- Good listener
- Objective, fair and even handed
- Maintains an open mind
- High integrity
- Reliable and predictable
- Thoughtful and thorough – excellent researcher - does his homework and is always well informed
- Strong sense of community and civic responsibility

#### **Strengths/High skills areas**

- Strategic thinker
- Policy development
- Knowledge/experience with governmental processes and procedures at all levels (federal, state and local)
- Knowledge of utility benchmarking and performance measurement
- Knowledge of broadband, energy conservation and general electric utility business
- Knowledge of Columbia/Snake River Hydro Systems and related state/regional water, fish and power issues
- Experience with large contract development, administration and management
- Assessing the impact of proposed legislation (federal and state)
- Team building/team work and relationship building
- Board skills – Served on wide variety of local, regional and national civic and professional boards
- Skilled in written and oral communications