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February 23, 2007

Mr. Mark Drews  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
141 NW Barstow St., Room 180  
Waukesha, WI, 53188

**RE: Express Cleaners, Inc., 3941 North Main Street, Racine, WI  
WDNR BRRTS #02-52-547631**

Dear Mr. Drews:

On behalf of the Ehrlich Family Limited Partnership ("Owner"), we have completed our review of the five (5) consultant bids submitted in regard to the Property referenced above. We have selected Northern Environmental Technologies, Inc. ("Northern") to perform a Site Investigation ("SI") in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 700 & NR 169.

The law firm of DeWitt, Ross & Stevens, S.C. analyzed the five consultant bids received from Environment and Development Solutions ("EDS"), GZA GeoEnvironmental, Northern, Shaw Environmental ("Shaw") and Soil Testing Services, Inc. ("STS"). Our qualification based analysis of the consultant bids found the following:

1. The low bid received from EDS (\$19,564) lacked sufficient experience and numbers of qualified staff for us to rely on them to complete the SI. Consequently, EDS's bid was dismissed.
2. The high bid received by GZA (\$41,054) was far too convoluted to be able to accurately compare unit price commodity services to those bid by other. They were also considerably higher in cost than the other bidders. Consequently, GZA's bid was dismissed.
3. The middle three bids received from Northern, Shaw and STS were found to all contain adequate amounts of firm experience, staff qualification and bid clarity to consider them as the three required bids.
4. When line by line comparison of the three finalists was performed, it was concluded to choose Northern because:
  - a. Their scope of work most matched the scope of work preferred by the Owner.

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- b. Northern's hourly labor rates are below those of Shaw and STS.
- c. Northern's drilling and geoprobe unit rates were the lowest of the three compared bids.
- d. Northern already has familiarity with both the Owner's Property and the neighboring gasoline station to the North. In addition, they were the consultant of record for the gasoline station to the Northwest of the Property.

Accompanying this letter is the completed DERF Site Investigation Bid Summary Form (4400-233). The form has been signed by the Owner attesting to our selection and recommendation to hire Northern to perform the SI work. Please review this information together with the copies of the original consultant bids submitted by the bidders directly to the Department under separate cover. We anticipate you will find no reason to not approve our selection and look forward to receipt of your written approval by return mail. Upon receipt of your written approval, we will enter into a contract with Northern and commence the work.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to discuss our review process in more detail. You can reach me at the numbers and addresses listed herein

Yours truly,  
DeWITT, ROSS & STEVENS S.C.

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A.H. "Skip" Glor  
Senior Scientist

Enclosure

Cc: Mr. James Small, CPA (Clifton Gunderson LLP, w/encl.)

## DERF Site Investigation Bid Summary Consultant Selection Cover Sheet

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Notice: Use this form to notify the Department of Natural Resources of the consultant you are selecting to conduct a site investigation and to submit and summarize the bids required in the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF) Program. This form is authorized under s. 292.65, Wis. Stats. and s. NR 169.23, Wis. Adm. Code. Completion of this form is mandatory for any person applying for DERF reimbursement. Persons who do not submit a completed form will not be eligible for reimbursement under DERF. Personal information will be used to manage the DERF program, and be made available to requesters under Wisconsin's Open Records laws (ss. 19.32-19.39, Wis. Stats.) and requirements.

Complete the following information and submit it to your DNR regional project manager. Copy this form as necessary.

### Site Information

Site name: EXPRESS DRY CLEANERS, INC. Facility Name: EXPRESS DRY CLEANERS, INC. BRRTS #02-52-547631

### Consultant Selected

Consultant Name: Northern Environmental, Inc. Consultant Address: 12075 N. Corporate Parkway, Mequon, WI

### Summary of Costs:

Consultant Name: Northern Environmental, Inc.	
Consulting costs:	\$9,962
Drilling costs:	\$6,311
Analytical costs:	\$3,455
Miscellaneous costs:	\$1,825
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>\$21,553</b>

Consultant Name: STS	
Consulting costs:	\$11,710
Drilling costs:	\$8,065
Analytical costs:	\$3,630
Miscellaneous costs:	\$1,871
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>\$25,276</b>

Consultant Name: Shaw Environmental	
Consulting costs:	\$11,032
Drilling costs:	\$5,302
Analytical costs:	\$1,787
Miscellaneous costs:	\$2,313
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>\$20,434</b>

### Optional 4th bid information:

Consultant Name:	
Consulting costs:	
Drilling costs:	
Analytical costs:	
Miscellaneous costs:	
<b>Total Costs:</b>	

### Justification for Selection:

Consultant chosen has the most knowledge about the property & lowest commodity & personnel unit prices.

### Applicant Information and Certification

I certify that the information contained above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name James C. Small, CPA

Date 2-19-07

Street Address P.O. Box 1347, 222 Main Street, Suite 200

City Racine

State WI

Zip Code 53401-1347

Signature *James C. Small PoA*

### Department Use Only

Project Manager Approval Signature

Phone Number

Date

If not approved, reason for non-approval: