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June 15, 2010

Monica Torres, Director
Cocopah Head Start Program
County 15th & Avenue G
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RE: FINAL REPORT - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEY - COCOPAH HEAD START

Dear Ms. Torres,

A comprehensive environmental health survey of the Cocopah Head Start Center and Program was conducted by Vincent Slayton-Garcia, District Environmental Health Officer, on May 6, 2010. A copy of the final report is attached for your review and records. The survey was conducted to assess environmental health and safety conditions. The survey was based on guidelines detailed in the Model Tribal Head Start Health and Safety Code (2002), as well as other references (e.g. 2009 FDA Food Code; 2009 NFPA Life Safety Code).

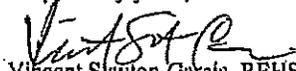
The following concerns and recommendations should be prioritized:

- **Policies and Procedures:** Policies and procedures were reviewed and appeared to generally be in order. Please continue to keep safety and infection control policies, procedures, and logs (e.g. training) updated.
- **Structural and Functional Design:** Although the Tribe and Program have done a superb job over the years addressing deficiencies related to normal wear and tear of the facility, a new facility designed to incorporate the latest standards and guidelines will greatly benefit the community. For instance, the present facility does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS). Also, since the facility is situated below grade from a residence, it is susceptible to water damage resulting from poor drainage during heavy rainstorms.
- **Playground Safety:** Although effort by the staff to monitor playground safety conditions is commendable, the absence of appropriate playground surfacing media (e.g. sand, pea gravel, etc) was evident.

It was a pleasure working with you and the entire Cocopah Head Start team!

Please feel free to call me at (480) 592-0091 Ext. 222 if you have any questions or need additional technical assistance.

Respectfully yours,


Vincent Slayton-Garcia, REHS
CDR, USPHS, IHS
District Environmental Health Officer

Enclosed:

Head Start Environmental Health and Safety Report
Photo Documentation

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Cocopah Head Start



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List of needed repairs in the Cocopah Head Start facilities, according comprehensive Environmental Health and Safety Inspections:

1. **Kitchen, classroom, two (2) restrooms, and office ceiling tiles** need to be replaced with new durable and nonabsorbent ceiling tiles.
2. **Kitchen door** needs to be replaced to prevent the kitchen door from opening onto the edge of the burner.
3. **Two (2) restrooms need to be handicap accessible**; therefore, need to be redesigned to accommodate people on wheelchairs to comply with the Federal Rehabilitation Act, 29 USC.
4. **Playground surfacing in two sand boxes** needs 12 inches deep of loose-fill surfacing media such as sand and pea gravel. Playground surfacing was insufficient to prevent against fall-related injuries, during inspection.
5. **Toilets need to be replaced**, due to old equipment and structural defects and recurred water leaking from toilet flushing mechanism.
6. **Exhaust fans** should be installed correctly in restrooms to ensure public health and safety standards are maintained in this facility.
7. **All inoperable light fixtures** should be repaired to ensure adequate illumination is provided during work/school hours.
8. **Swings need to be replaced**, due to old equipment and structural defects to ensure child's health and safety standards
9. **Floor molding and flooring behind toilets need to be installed**, due to missing floor molding and damaged flooring.
10. **Six (6) facility metal doors need to be replaced**, due to damaged self-closing mechanisms and facility safety standards.
11. **Playground equipment (two {2} dinosaurs) need to be lowered**, to cushion and prevent against fall-related injuries.
12. **Playground and play areas need to be fully accessible to persons with disabilities.**

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PROPOSAL	
Date:	Proposal Number:
4/21/2011	CSE 11-FERNA
JOB NAME:	
HEAD START BUILDNIG AT COCOPAH	

COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE
 ATTN: JUANITA RIVERA AND JULIA SANCHEZ
 COUNTRY RD 15 & AVE G
 SOMERTON ARIZONA 85350
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RE: HEAD START BUILDNIG RENOVATIONS AT COCOPAH

SCOPE OF WORK	QTY	COST	PRICE
1. Remove/dispose of existing ceiling tiles throughout building and replace with new ceiling tiles similar to existing.	1	\$4,745.93	\$4,745.93
2. Remove 6 exterior metal doors and replace with new exterior metal doors. Including hardware and closures required installed into existing door frames.	6	\$1,212.53	\$7,275.17
3. Renovate both bathrooms to include: fixing any damaged drywall, replace cove base throughout, replace VCT flooring with new, install one new ventilation fan in each bathroom, retrofit one stall to be Handicap Accessible per code, replace existing toilet partitions with new, texture walls and paint. The renovation does not include any new drainage lines, water lines, fixtures or appliances.	1	\$7,586.43	\$7,586.43
4. Install 3 foot door in kitchen entry.	1	\$631.43	\$631.43
5. Install two sand boxes from www.kaplancom.com item # 29-72230 on playground to meet specs for the (CPSC); remove old old swings, lower dinosaur play equipment.	1	\$4,856.43	\$4,856.43
6. Flooring replacement to include: removal/disposal of approximately 2029 sqft of existing VCT flooring and replacement with new (color per customer's choice). Flooring replacement does not include any hazardous material handling or abatement.	1	\$11,321.33	\$11,321.33
7. Cove base replacement to include removal/disposal of existing base and replacing it with new.	1	\$1,216.43	\$1,216.43
3-STEP TERMS OF PAYMENT - \$18,816.57 paid to Clear Solutions to begin work and purchase materials, \$9,408.29 upon completion of playground, doors and ceiling tiles, then \$9408.29 when job is complete			

Acceptance Of Proposal:
 Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Print Name: _____
 Authorized CSE signature: *Nancy F. King*

SUBTOTAL	\$37,633.14
SALES TAX	exempt
TOTAL	\$37,633.14