

**Request for Proposals
Technical Advisor for the
TVA Kingston Fly Ash Release Site
2009-2010**

Services needed: The Roane County Community Advisory Group (RCCAG) seeks a technical services provider (here after referred to as the Technical Advisor (TA) to provide technical support to the RCCAG with advising, reviewing and commenting on all aspects of remedial activities at the TVA Kingston Fly Ash Release site (the Site). The TA should have demonstrated knowledge of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) especially Subpart E – Hazardous Substance Response. The TA should also have demonstrated experience with both Removal and Remedial activities at major cleanup site(s). The TA is responsible for explaining to the RCCAG and public the following: the CERCLA process; technical information contained in the Site documents; other technical information developed by the Site activities; and other general technical information required to establish a complete understanding of the Site restoration plans and/or activities. The TA will be required to review the Site documentation and develop suggested comments to be considered for submission by the RCCAG.

The TA is also responsible for relaying key issues to the RCCAG on a routine basis and to prepare responses to inquiries and questions throughout the restoration process from RCCAG members and the public. The overarching goal for the TA is to analyze key issues, identify potential concerns, and provide information for the general public for the non-time critical portion of the Site restoration.

Areas of technical expertise sought: The TA should have an appropriate degree in Engineering, Geosciences, Environmental or Life sciences, or the equivalent. The TA should also possess knowledge of pertinent environmental laws and regulations specific to the Superfund cleanup process.

Timetable for critical tasks: This project is ongoing from November 2009 through November 2010.

Delivery Schedule: The delivery schedule depends on key reports and assessments produced by the TVA related to the overall cleanup. A specific timetable will be developed with the TA. It is assumed that review of key documents and technical reports will be ongoing, as well as ongoing information sharing with the RCCAG and public.

Evaluation Criteria: The RCCAG will evaluate and make the selection of the TA based on the applications submitted. The weighting of the evaluation criteria is: 35% will be based on past experience, 15% on knowledge of EPA procedures and reporting requirements, 25% on relevant expertise of key issues, and 25% based on

demonstrated ability to provide written and oral explanations of technical documents and data relevant to the general public. Evaluators will score each applicant from 1 to 5 on each criterion, and scores will be added for a total score. The goal of the selection process is to obtain the best proposal at a reasonable cost.

Contract: This contract will be a time and expense contract with a not to exceed amount of \$45,000. Additional work may be required and awarded without further negotiations.

RCCAG will inform all candidates regarding its decision to reject or accept an offer.

Deadline and location for submitting proposals: Deadline for submitting proposals is November 15, 2009. Interested parties should submit their qualifications, cost, information about related projects, and references to:

Roane County Community Advisory Group
Attn: Brenda Timm
Post Office Box 1063
Kingston, TN 37763

The applicant must also submit a Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Statement, the TA must have verifiable credentials and must provide the RCCAG with a list of previous clients and information on any past, current, or anticipated business or financial relationships with any Potentially Responsible Party at the site, its parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, subcontractors and current clients. For questions, please contact Brenda Timm (brintimm15@gmail.com) at the RCCAG.

Qualifications:

A Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline (for example, biochemistry, toxicology, public health, environmental sciences, engineering, environmental law and planning, hydrogeology, civil engineering, and solid waste management practices),

- a) Demonstrated experience with CERCLA and the NCP and with both Removal and Remedial activities at major cleanup site(s),
- b) A demonstrated ability to translate technical information into terms understandable to lay people,
- c) Demonstrated experience in making technical presentations in a public meeting or hearing setting, and
- d) Demonstrated writing skills.

About the TVA Kingston Fly Ash Release Site:

On December 22, 2008, a failure of the northeastern dike used to contain fly ash occurred at the dewatering area of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Kingston Fossil Plant in Harriman, Roane County, Tennessee. Subsequent to the dike failure, approximately 5.4

million cubic yards of fly ash was released into Swan Pond Embayment and three adjacent sloughs, eventually spilling into the main Emory River channel. The release extended approximately 300 acres outside of the fly ash dewatering and storage areas of the plant.

Currently, the fly ash is being excavated from the land and dredged from the river, moved to temporary storage areas on-site, and loaded onto railcars for off-site disposal.

For more information on this site, go to <http://epakingstontva.com> and <http://www.tva.gov/kingston/index.htm> where you can find information and documents related to this cleanup.