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Mr. Scott Jager
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Dear Scott,

I want to thank you for taking the time to show me who the Christian Contractors really are and to understand just how much of an asset you are to our County. You have a very impressive organization and a seriously dedicated staff. I am honored to know that like myself, you have dedicated your life to the service of helping others.

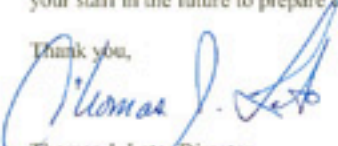
Hernando County Emergency Management would like to work toward forming a partnership with your organization to assist us during our disaster recovery efforts. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to set up some time for us to work out the details of an agreement that would be mutually beneficial.

Thank you for allowing me to read through your plan. I think it is a plan for success and more than that, I believe it makes good, old fashioned sense. I hope you did receive the grant money you sought. If not, I believe the presentation could be more effective if restructured in the following manner.

- 1- We need to provide greater detail as to how the three Phase I regions are broken down, and which Counties within them are your primary targets. Then get buy-in from each of those Counties.
- 2- I would suggest you make each subject more pronounced. For example, State EOC Coordination, Special Needs Populations, Volunteer Database, Training, Web Page, and Centralized Communications (Command Center). Then describe in more detail exactly what you hope to accomplish within each area and how it will benefit the overall plan.
- 3- I believe there is too much focus on the details of your expenditures (Outside Appendix A, which is well done). Taking this approach does appear to somewhat cloud the real issue of you showing what can be done with just a little financial support. I will say that this does confirm your honesty and integrity as an organization, but it is probably not the best course for a grant.

I hope these suggestions will assist you in preparing future grants. I will be more than happy to work with your staff in the future to prepare these documents.

Thank you,


Thomas J. Leto, Director
Hernando County Emergency Management