



May 26, 2009

William J. Clinton Foundation
Attn: The Honorable William J. Clinton
55 W. 125th Street
New York, New York 10027

RE: Proposal to develop *GRASSROOTS SOLAR FOR CABARET HAITI*

Dear Honorable Mr. Clinton:

Rebuild New Mexico is a New Mexico statewide, non-profit organization committed to reducing energy costs for New Mexican's through education and innovation. Generally our work is limited to serving the community of residents within New Mexico. However, the board of volunteer directors of ten members, have decided to open our 501(c) 3 status up to a community to community exchange for individuals in a severe state of impoverished strife in Haiti.

Rebuild New Mexico is recognized to work in collaborative ways with many for and not-for-profit organizations. In the unsolicited proposal that we put forth, we have brought many of these resources together in a way such that we can actually get real dollars into serving a community in Haiti without financial and human resources getting lost to corruption, bribes or overhead. The idea of putting knowledgeable human resources together with the support of a local magistrate is, we believe, the foundation of a real successful program. In addition, we have a way to circumnavigate stalls or loss of equipment within the customs process.

The vision of our program is for the duration of one year. Our effort proposes to bring solar pots into an impoverished community in Haiti to a town called Cabaret. The city has approximately 50,000 residents, many of whom lost their substandard housing in the four hurricanes that hit last year and 71 residents lost their lives. We propose to photograph and document our project from the beginning through to the end of the one year effort, which will be after hurricane season. Our written story will provide information that our "grass roots" approach did work. In a quick summary, we are requesting approximately \$35 per person or \$35,000 to assist with the expertise of six direct individuals on the ground for three weeks to train the community members how to use 200 "hot pot" solar pots.

The resources that we have combined are four individuals with extensive solar oven and leadership experience. The implementation team will be lead by Marlene Brown as technical lead. Ms. Brown has assisted in many third world scenarios to install solar collectors, she is an EE and the recent past President of NM Solar Energy Association. Andy Moss and Monica Canares each of whom are experienced trainers of hotpot solar

ovens will be a strong component to Ms. Brown. In addition, as overall Project Manager we put forth Eric Doerrler who is a former USA Army Col, completely fluent in Haitian Creole, and with direct links to Cabaret. We believe our team of experienced individuals will be able to prove to community members in Cabaret that solar pots do work and immediately improve the quality of life in Cabaret (see the description of steps in our proposal for the strategy).

Our team will empower community members by also teaching basic micro agriculture concepts and applications. We also have the knowledge base to assist with building a water cistern for improving potable water conditions as well. This team is not a stand around group but will be able to delve into the community and really turn around some of the dire matters facing the people living there.

In your role as UN Ambassador to Haiti, I am confident that you will help us to find funding for the residents of Cabaret so that our resourceful NM community members may begin to take small steps in helping residents to learn how to help themselves. I welcome your valuable input on our proposal.

Thank you for your effort on the behalf of all of those wanting to help the residents of Cabaret.

Sincerely,

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