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WASH DC

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WAS INSPIRED BY YOUR REMARKS AT THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MARCH SAYING ONLY SOLUTION TO MINORITY PROBLEMS IS ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT OF WORKERS THROUGH BETTER JOBS AND TRAINING.

AS PRESIDENT OF CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WITH 75 PERCENT MINORITY GROUP EMPLOYEES, AND BEING MEMBER OF TEXAS MANPOWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, I INITIATED JOBS '70 PROPOSAL, NO. 46-0-6138-000, IN YOUR DALLAS REGIONAL OFFICE APRIL 3, SUBSEQUENTLY REFERRED TO YOUR CONSTRUCTION DIVISION IN WASHINGTON APRIL 15M IT HAS RECEIVED NO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EITHER PLACE.

BELIEVE ORGANIZED LABOR PROPONENTS SHOULD NOT DENY TO

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DISADVANTAGED IN THIS AREA THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN IN BONA FIDE CONSTRUCTION CLASSIFICATIONS RECOGNISED UNDER DAVIS-BACON MANY YEARS WITHOUT APPRENTICE PROGRAMS. THOUSANDS OF WORKERS ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED IN THESE CATEGORIES THROUGHOUT TEXAS. WE SOLICIT YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

UNLESS THIS HELP IS FORTHCOMING PROMPTLY, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO CARRY THROUGH ON SIMILAR ENTRY LEVEL PROPOSAL PENDING SAME TWO DOL OFFICES ON HIGHWAY PROJECT AT VAN HORN, TEXAS. JOB RELATED EDUCATION THERE MUST BE COMPLETED IN TEN WEEKS BEGINNING JULY 1. OUR UPGRADING PROPOSAL FOR EL PASO BEING KIMILARLY BLOCKED IN DOL WASHINGTON AND DALLAS.

IF THE ADMINISTRATION AND DOL ARE SINCERE IN WANTING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO TRAIN DISADVANTAGED, WHY HAVEN'T POSITIVE STEPS BEEN TAKEN TO PROCESS JOBS PORPOSALS WITHIN REASONABLE LENGTH

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OF TIME, AND WITHOUT UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES POSED BY YOUR CONSTRUCTION DIVISION?

J D ABRAMS PRESIDENT J D ABRAMS INC EL PASO TEXAS

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