



State of Vermont Agriculture & Environmental LABORATORY

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ACT 250 APPLICATION

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State of Vermont Natural Resources Board, District 3 Commission
c/o Linda Matteson
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RE: Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory
163 Admin Drive, Randolph Center, Vermont 05061

Dear Members of the District 3 Commission,

In September 2014 the Vermont General Assembly, after detailed analysis of nineteen sites between Randolph and Colchester, located its new collaborative laboratory for the Agencies of Agriculture and Natural Resources just north of Vermont Technical College in Randolph. This site is central to all Vermont citizens and businesses as well as offers significant opportunities for collaboration with VTC students and faculty. Since then, the Agencies, the Department of Buildings & General Services and the design team have worked diligently to produce a project that will serve Vermont's food and environmental testing needs for many years in an energy efficient building with minimal impact on the environment. We are pleased to submit this application for your review.

VAEL, as the laboratory is called, is approximately 38,000 sf on a 13.12 acre lot. It will have a 2,200 sf heat plant and necessary driveways and parking for 70 vehicles. The lot is now used for agriculture, and all but two acres will be returned to agricultural use (grazing, meadows, and fruit trees). The site contains wetlands, but these will not be impacted. The site has no historic or archeological resources.

The project has already been reviewed by Randolph's Development Review Board, and a decision is expected May 24th. Because the project is FEMA funded, it also must undergo federal review. A draft of FEMA's environmental assessment is currently available for public comment, and it is hoped that assessment will be complete by June. All government entities and private utilities have expressed support and an ability to serve the building. We hope you, too, will find the project meets your ten criteria.

Our accompanying information addresses each criterion, and we hope you will find this information complete. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me, the BGS project manager, at (802) 828-4651 or mike.kuhn@vermont.gov

Sincerely yours,



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