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Office of the General Counsel

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March 23, 1987

Mr. William T. Miller
President
Utopia Piping Corporation
521 Brook Avenue
Riverdale, New Jersey 07642

Dear Mr. Miller:

Subject: William T. Miller, President
Utopia Piping Corporation
Riverdale, N.J.

Contract No. V101C-1193

Laundry Consolidation
VA Extended Care Center
St. Albans, N.Y.

DOL File No. 85-211-01901

This is to advise you that the Assistant Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor, by letter dated December 19, 1986, recommended to our Office that Utopia Piping Corporation and William T. Miller, individually and as President, be placed on the ineligible bidders list for violations of the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-5 (1982), with respect to the above-referenced contract in which they were a lower tier subcontractor.

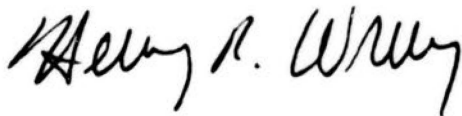
We concur with the Assistant Administrator's recommendation. The Davis-Bacon Act provides that the Comptroller General is to debar persons or firms whom he finds have disregarded their obligations to employees under the Act. 40 U.S.C. § 276a-2. Our review of the record confirms that there were substantial violations by Utopia Piping Corporation in this case which constitute a disregard of obligations to employees with respect to the minimum wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act.

Accordingly, Utopia Piping Corporation and William T. Miller, individually and as President, will be included on a list of ineligible bidders to be distributed to all departments of

the Government. Pursuant to statutory direction at 40 U.S.C § 276a-2, no contract shall be awarded to them or to any firm, corporation, partnership, or association in which they, or any of them, have an interest until 3 years have elapsed from the date of publication of such list.

The funds on deposit with our Claims Group, \$1,904.00, which were withheld for the violations will be disbursed to the wage claimants in accordance with established procedures.

Sincerely yours,



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