

## TRANSPORTATION CABINET

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Joseph W. Prather Secretary

May 20, 2009

Mr. Ronald Bergeron, Jr. Bergeron Emergency Services, Inc. 19612 SW 69<sup>th</sup> Place Pembroke Pines, FL 33332

Re: Kentucky Ice Storm 2009, Christian County Debris Operations for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Dear Mr. Beregeron,

This letter of recommendation is being written to commend you and your staff for the exemplary efforts displayed during our response and recovery from the crippling ice storm we recently faced. During your company's contract and performance period in Christian County, many milestones were reached which contributed to an expedient operation. Some of those milestones are as follows:

Bergeron Emergency Services immediately responded and commenced debris cleanup operations in Christian County on February 19, 2009. In the first seven days of operations, there were a total of three crews, which consisted of nine (9) trucks and eighteen (18) workers. As crew forces were increased, production levels steadily increased over the next five weeks.

The number of crews eventually reached eleven (11), which yielded thirty-six (36) trucks and over fifty (50) workers. On our most productive day, we hauled 257 loads which equated to approximately 13,000 cubic yards of debris that was removed from State and County roads. As of Bergeron's completion date on April 30, 2009, our total cubic yardage of debris removed, from our section of the County, was 251,501 and the total for both contractors (Christian County split the county between two contractors) was 387,845 yards.

In closing, we would like to add that it has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. We feel based on your company's performance and the manner in which the job was executed; we are well on our way from recovering from this devastating event. The team effort between Bergeron, the KYTC monitor's and staff, Mr. Casey Hojara (Project Manager) and the subcontractors on this project was the key to an expeditious recovery.

Please feel free to have anyone who may find themselves in a similar disaster situation to call me for a reference.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Hill, P.E.

Monitor for Christian County

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