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**To:** DOL Energy Advisory Board Information  
**Subject:** Public comments for ABTSWH teleconference of 1/30/18

Dear Dr. Markowitz and Members of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health,

I want to take this time to thank all of you for your service on the Board. The careful deliberations you conducted before providing recommendations to DEEOIC are appreciated by DEEOIC, the claimants, advocates and all stakeholders. We hope that Secretary Acosta has learned the value of your knowledge and quickly reappoints all of you who wish to continue to serve. You have accomplished so much in the short time the Board has been in place. We look forward to your continued work on the issues you have yet to tackle.

During yesterday's teleconference there was mention that you will ask DEEOIC for a copy of the contract to operate the Resource Centers. I hope I am not overstepping my bounds but this information is available to the public.

Current contract expires 3/2018.

<https://govtribe.com/project/operational-and-managerial-support-services-specializing-in-supporting-the-energy-employees-occupational-illness-compensation-program-act-eeoicpa-2>

You will note that on Page 44, paragraph 5.7.1 states, "Contractor must adhere to DEEOIC developed script and procedures whenever conducting OHQ interviews." Perhaps the Board may consider also asking DEEOIC for a copy of the script used for the OHQs

This is the link for the Request for Proposal published a few days ago,  
<https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=f5de79b152127077a4a53442112f2a86&tab=core&tabmode=list&=>

Also, the advocates have were always concerned that DEEOIC selected QTC as the contractor for the CMCs. The concern was that QTC was owned by Lockheed Martin, a DOE contractor. We strongly felt that there was an inherent conflict of interest.

Our concern deepened when we learned that a court recently allowed a False Claims Act against the company to proceed. While this lawsuit was filed for QTC's contract with the VA, we are worried that similar practices were or may still be applied to DEEOIC. Specifically,

**"QTC produced and disseminated review guidance that knowingly truncated, omitted, and misstated VA requirements for reviews. Claims file analysts were not provided copies or working instructions for either of the VA manuals.**

We are not accusing QTC of any malfeasance with the DEEOIC contract. But over the years questions have been raised about the CMCs review of the case file. The advocates have also questioned whether the CMCs truly understand EEOICPA's Part E standard of causation.

These concerns could easily be put to rest if a copy of the QTC training manual was made available to ABTSWH and the public.

Thank you for your consideration and again know that ANWAG appreciates your excellent work.

Sincerely,

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