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Dear Mr. Colletta:

The Rensselaerville Institute in New York helped us a great deal on Bell and is, in fact, currently ready to engage in another community renewal project with us.

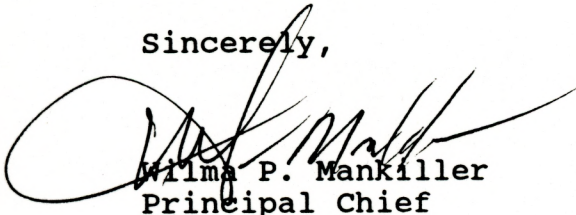
We engaged them on a simple contractual basis. We wanted someone who could both provide housing and basic services like water lines using some self-help or volunteer labor in the process.

I found their work to be outstanding, particularly if there is a strong local oversight group of team of facilitators to work with. They can do their part but the community leadership certainly needs to be equally committed to the work.

I hope this information has been helpful to you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Wilma P. Mankiller
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