
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD AND BENTLEY
SUBJECT: PLEASANT SHADE INVESTMENTS (STEEL TUBING HOUSES)
DATE: 4/3/2001
CC: FILE

Bentley and I met with Ken Hackett and two of his assistants last week to hear about their earthquake proof homes. The concept is very good. They propose to build 1200 sq. ft. homes with heavy gauge steel tubing. The strength of the home is in the weaving of the steel tubes, much like a Polynesian design (over-under). Hackett showed computer-generated graphics of the proposed homes. The homes' appearances were pleasing to the eye.

Hackett uses piping and steel suppliers in Batesville and West Point, Mississippi for his materials.

Under Hackett's proposal, the state would purchase the tubing kit and use labor (i.e., inmates) to build the home. The cost proposal is \$77,000 plus a \$10,000 legal fee.

We believe the cost proposal to be prohibitive for the your senior housing proposal. Further, the use of inmates off-site poses a flight risk of inmates.

RECOMMENDATION:

Turn down offer.