

NATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY OBSERVATORY  
Socorro, New Mexico

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TO: VLBA Members  
FROM: Cam Wade  
SUBJECT: Site Group Meeting, 851023  
PRESENT: Bridle, Crane, Egler, Hogg, Kellermann, Napier, Peery,  
Rogers, Romney, Ross, Wade, Walker, Wells

GENERAL MATTERS:

Emory Egler will transfer to the VLBA project as Construction Engineer. In addition to inspection of construction in progress, his duties will include participation in design work and in contract negotiation.

Forrest Wells will be hired as a contract employee. His principal duty will be inspection of construction.

PIE TOWN:

Plans and drawings are essentially complete. A pre-bid conference for interested contractors will be held in Socorro on 4 December, and bids will be due by 17 December. We want to have contracts for (1) roads and other preliminary preparations, (2) the antenna foundation, and (3) the building by 1 February 1986.

KITT PEAK:

Survey is in progress. We will meet with the NOAO management in November to initiate the formal site acquisition.

LOS ALAMOS:

Soils investigation is in progress. We are preparing the material which the NSF needs for its negotiation with the DOE.

WASHINGTON:

Peery and Wade spent 1-3 October in the Brewster area. Our local agent, Wally Lauterbach, had found and researched 11 potential sites. Of these, one seems outstandingly good. It is privately owned. We are now exploring with NSF the most expeditious means of purchasing it.

HAWAII:

RFI measurements are under way at the Mauna Loa Observatory.

TEXAS, ST. CROIX, IOWA, OWENS VALLEY, NORTHEAST:

Nothing new.