



16 July 2020

Solar Desal Prize Review Committee

Re: Jont Allen Entry | Desalination of Sea Water, Nature's Way

Dear Review Committee:

Burns & McDonnell is excited about the opportunity to partner with Jont Allen and his University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana Team on this unique and innovative project.

The idea of transforming salt water to usable fresh water using only solar energy and other readily available evaporation technologies is truly innovative and could be generationally groundbreaking. Jont and his team have developed a scalable plan that can address the current challenges around de-salinization and Burns and McDonnell is prepared to support this team in their effort to transform the current plan into a reality.

Sincerely,

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