

**Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing**  
**“An Oversight Hearing on Gulf Coast Reconstruction Contracting”**

**Witness Biographies**

**Paul Mullinax**

Independent Owner-Operator, Refrigerated Tractor-Trailer

Paul Mullinax is a former United States Marine, a combat veteran, and a Florida-based independent owner-operator of a tractor-trailer refrigerated truck. In early September, Mr. Mullinax was contracted by IAP Worldwide, a FEMA contractor, to transport ice to areas afflicted by Hurricane Katrina.

**Al Knight**

General Manager, Knight Enterprises LLC

Al Knight is the general manager of Knight Enterprises LLC, a Louisiana-based small business that he and his wife, Georgia W. Knight, established in 1998. Mr. Knight is an electrical engineer by training, and has worked on such large-scale projects as Federal Express World Headquarters, the Miami Dolphins Stadium, the St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in Memphis, Harrah’s Casino in New Orleans, and the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando.

**Mike Moran**

General Foreman, Knight Enterprises LLC

Mike Moran is a certified electrician and a 35-year member of IBEW Local 130, based in Metairie, Louisiana. An experienced electrician who has worked on major projects in the southeastern United States, as well as in the nation’s capital, Mr. Moran served as general foreman for Knight Enterprises’ project at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans in Belle Chase, Louisiana.

**James C. Hale**

Vice President and Regional Manager for Ohio Valley and Southern States  
Laborers’ International Union of North America

James C. Hale is the Vice President and Regional Manager for the Ohio Valley and Southern States region of the Laborers’ International Union of North America. Mr. Hale was named manager of the Southeast Region in 1996 and was elected as a Laborers vice

president in 1998. Mr. Hale has also served as secretary-treasurer of the Nashville Building Trades and is a vice president of the Tennessee State AFL-CIO. He promotes grassroots political activism and community involvement as a way for union members to help themselves and all working people. Mr. Hale was still a teenager when he began his career as a construction laborer and member of Local 386 in Nashville.

**Sheila Crowley**

President, National Low Income Housing Coalition

Sheila Crowley has been president of the National Low Income Housing Coalition since 1998. She is a member of the board of the National Housing Trust, the Poverty and Race Research Action Council, and the Technical Assistance Collaborative, and a former board member of the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-VA. Ms. Crowley was the 1996-97 Social Work Congressional Fellow, serving on Democratic staff of the Housing Subcommittee of the United States Senate Banking Committee. From 1984-92 she was the Executive Director of the Daily Planet, a multipurpose homeless service and advocacy organization in Richmond, Virginia. She is a founding member of the Virginians Against Domestic Violence, the Greater Richmond Coalition for the Homeless, and the Richmond Better Housing Coalition.