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**RE: Expression of Interest
Armed Forces Readiness Center, Elkins, Randolph County, WV
RFQ Number DEFK8115**

Dear Mr. Abbott:

Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) is the expert in Armed Forces Readiness Centers through both the National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve programs. We are eager to become the West Virginia Army National Guard's provider for architecture and engineering services. To support that commitment, the core of our Team's mission is similar to that of yours – Readiness and Response. It is our intent, through this submittal, to convince you of that commitment. Baker is one of the National Guard Bureau's leading architectural and engineering firms, having worked on facility projects for Readiness Centers and Vehicle Maintenance Shops.

Utilizing our in-house resources, Baker can provide the entire spectrum of services that are required under this contract: space planning; architecture and interior design; multi-disciplined engineering; environmental and hazardous materials; sustainable LEED®-certified design – every service listed in your announcement including others that we believe adds value to your project. Baker understands both the Federal and State missions of your Soldiers. In this submission, we present project examples that improve unit readiness and mobilization, while reducing operating costs. Sustainable and energy-efficient design, the use of recycled materials, and the use of design charrettes are some of the elements of these efficiencies.

Mr. Todd Schoolcraft, PLA, ASLA, will be Baker's Project Manager and your direct daily point of contact. Mr. Schoolcraft was selected because of his rich history and extensive experience in working with the West Virginia Army National Guard and on similar building projects. He understands your Federal and State missions, policies, and procedures. Mr. Duncan Penney, RA, AIA, LEED® AP, will serve as Technical Design Manager. He has an extensive background in the design of Readiness Centers for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, is familiar with the Guard's military design standards, and is an experienced leader of design charrettes and of multi-disciplined project teams. Mr. Richard Bernet, PE, PMP, LEED® AP, will serve as Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager. Having specialized in DoD facility design projects for the past 20 years, Mr. Bernet's background is extensive. His role as QA/QC Manager will ensure that the team has met all of the requirements for the functionality of your Readiness Center, design standards, codes, and regulations.

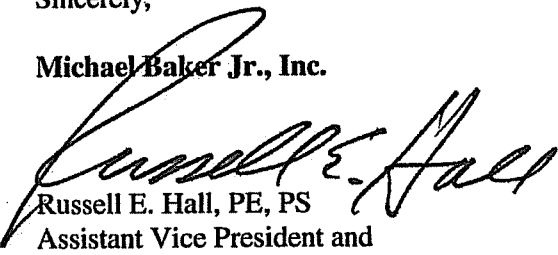
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Our project experience demonstrates our ability to deliver a quality project that will be on time and on budget. We encourage you to contact our references and let them tell you about the quality of Baker's services. From roadway pavements and traffic engineering, to all types of building projects (including training centers, vehicle maintenance, administrative office buildings, etc.) and interior reconfiguration projects (such as systems furniture, DDC systems, power and water distribution), we are the experts that are committed to providing you with quality training facilities for our Soldiers.

We continue to strive to be the best at what we do. No other firm can match our commitment. Please call us for an interview so that we can present our qualifications and convince you, in person, that Baker is eager to forge a long-term relationship with the West Virginia Army National Guard. We would welcome the opportunity to become your best project delivery team. For the purposes of future contact and further questions, please contact me at (304) 769-0821 or by e-mail at rhall@mbakercorp.com.

Sincerely,

Michael Baker Jr., Inc.



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