

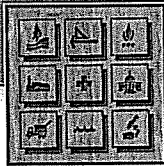
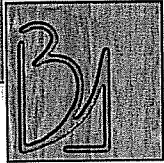


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RE: Expression of Interest - Architectural/Engineering Services
WV Army National Guard - New Randolph County Armory
RFQ: DEFK8115

The firm of **Blackwood Associates, Inc. (BAI) / MSES Consultants, Inc. (MSES)** is pleased to provide the enclosed qualifications and supporting information for Architectural and Engineering services on the new Randolph County Army National Guard Armory, to be located in Elkins, West Virginia.

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The **BAI/MSES** firm offers a combined professional staff of over 80 people, with registered architects, engineers and a diverse roster of professionals, scientists, technicians and support personnel. **BAI/MSES** is a single source consultant that can provide all professional disciplines for any project the West Virginia Army National Guard may require. All professional services will be managed and performed by full-time, in-house personnel out of the Fairmont and Clarksburg offices.

The **BAI/MSES** firm practice is based upon the philosophy of comprehensive service, providing our clients with a single point of responsibility. By bringing architecture, interior design, engineering, environmental, and management services together in a single firm, we ensure efficient and effective service. Conceptually, we believe that the building sciences of architecture and engineering cannot be separated. This is especially true when dealing with the multiple disciplines that will be required to complete the Randolph County Armory project. We have extensive experience in the design of multi-use facilities, such as those featuring assembly halls, administrative offices, conference rooms, garages and locker/shower facilities.

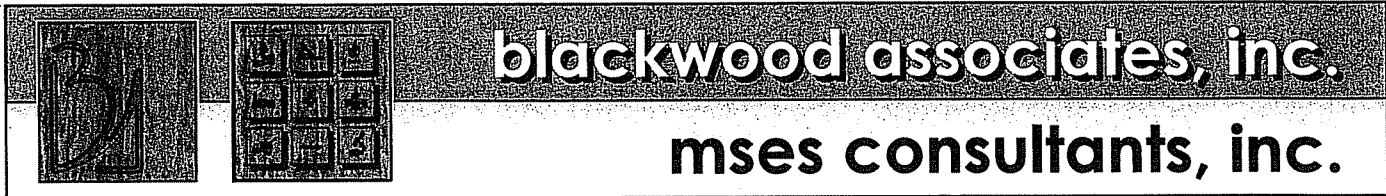


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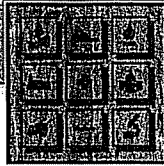
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Our firm strives to add value to a project contract by arriving at a complete understanding of clients' goals and objectives. This type of approach fosters an environment that leads to the successful achievement of our clients' goals on all assignments we undertake. Our performance can best be measured by our long-standing client relationships, some of which have lasted for more than 30 years.

BAI/MSES is a provider of the total array of architectural, engineering, design, and project management services. In addition, we can offer environmental and hygienist services where needed. Another advantage to our firm, **BAI/MSES** has developed websites which are used during various phases of project development, making Owner document review much more efficient. This technology has also been proven to increase the interest of contractors and suppliers during bidding, especially for state-wide type projects. During construction site photographic panoramas can also be made available online for Owner review.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any question, or if we may provide any additional information for your review and consideration. We look forward to having the opportunity to present our qualifications and approach on a personal basis. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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