



**State of West Virginia
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LTC Craig Lambert
Division of Engineering and Facilities
Armory Board Section
1703 Coonskin Drive
Charleston, WV 25311-1099

Ref: Ripley Armed Forces Reserve Center
State of West Virginia RFQ Number: DEFK8116

Subj: Expression of Interest

Dear LTC Lambert:

I am very pleased to submit The Omni Associates – Architects' expression of interest for the Ripley Armed Forces Reserve Center. The team we have put together has experience working with the WVARNG on similar projects, which most recently include the Eleanor AFRC and CSMS.

As a West Virginia-based firm located in Fairmont, we understand that our success is based on our commitment to being responsive. **Our proximity to your project site allows us to be on the job site quickly to provide face-to-face coordination.** These are qualities that draw our clients back and result in lasting relationships. That's why **we enjoy a repeat client rate of more than 90% - a source of considerable pride.** We're confident of our reputation and expertise.


I am pleased to include **Capitol Engineering, Tower Engineering and Allegheny Design Services** as part of this specialized team. Because members of our team have worked together extensively on many projects, we can provide the most cost-effective solutions to the issues you will be confronting. As Omni's Administrative Principal, I will guide this team and serve as the point-of-contact to the West Virginia Army National Guard throughout the project's duration.

As you are aware, in addition to the team's experience I have **specific military experience and expertise.** My experience over the past 27 years, both on active duty and active Reserves, allows me to be an **extension of your staff with little or no learning curve** when it comes to your needs and requirements. Because of this experience, I understand the importance of **designing a facility that not only has a distinctive appearance but is also functional and simplistic in its quality** to ensure the durability and longevity of the structure.

Another key to good design is to **incorporate the operational expenses over the life of the structure.** Since the funding of these facilities does not include operational expenses, a simplistic quality design which focuses on the long-term operational and maintenance costs, and one which fits within the budget will be the focus of this design team.

Thank you for giving our team the opportunity to present our credentials. We would enjoy the opportunity to personally meet with you and the balance of the selection committee to discuss our professional experiences in greater detail.

Sincerely,
The Omni Associates - Architects



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Principal