

**State of West Virginia
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R.D. Zande & Associates, Inc.

October 18, 2007

Mr. John P. B. Stafford, P.E., Design Administrator
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Abandoned Mine Lands
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Re: Elk Creek Portals, P.O. No. DEP14164

Dear Mr. Stafford:

Please find enclosed a completed "AML Consultant Confidential Qualification Questionnaire" for R. D. Zande and Associates, Inc. (RDZ) to perform engineering services for Elk Creek Portals, P.O. Number DEP 14164. RDZ is a 308-member engineering firm with offices in five states, including two offices in West Virginia at Charleston and Buckhannon. RDZ recently hired Mr. Will Thornton, P.E., who will be working from our Charleston Office. Mr. Thornton has AML experience through his employment at DLZ and Woolpert. RDZ has Project specific experience successfully completing Projects for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands (WVAML) Program; for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Special Reclamation; for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) AML Program; and for the West Virginia Conservation Agency. In addition, RDZ has employee project-specific experience completing additional Projects for the WVAML and WV Special Reclamation Programs. Our AML Project experience includes: surveying and mapping; subsurface investigations; groundwater and surface water testing and analyses; wet mine seals and modified wet mine seals with bat gates design; mass balanced earthwork quantities; structure demolition and removal plans; permitting (COE 404 and WV 401); concrete and steel structural designs; site drainage design including hydrologic and hydraulic studies for bridges, natural stream design; channels, ditches, pipes and box culverts; civil site design; sediment control; and revegetation plans as well as construction plans and specifications. 15 of these 34 Projects involved passive acid mine drainage designs ranging from simple limestone beds to complex interactive systems that boost AMD pH to precipitate metals, settle and filter dissolved metals, and polish effluent water with alkalinity prior to release of near neutral waters from

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the Project area. In addition, RDZ designed the first active alkaline treatment system for the State of West Virginia (Special Reclamation), which is nearing construction completion and start-up operations.

Project-Specific AML reclamation and related experience competed for the WVDEP includes:

1.	WVDEP: Weaver Portals and Mine Drainage, Phase I and Phase II;		
\$2,200,000 Eng. Estimate	162,821 C.Y. Earthwork 6,543 L.Ft. "V" Ditches 1,947 L.Ft. Flt Btm Ditches 321 L.Ft. Culverts	14 Wet Mine Seals 1,170 L.Ft. Subs. Drain Debris Removal De-watering Plan Six Limestone Beds w/Aluminators and Flush Ponds	Construction Plans and Specifications Project Mapping Hydrologic Investigation 404 COE Permit (NW27)
2.	WVDEP: Nixon Run AMD;		
\$250,000 Bid Estiamte	1,800 C.Y. Earthwork 240 "V" Ditches 601 L.Ft. Grouted "V" Ditches 387 L.Ft. Culverts 75 L.Ft. Subsurface Drain	1 Wet Mine Seal with Bat Gate Debris Removal De-watering Plan	Construction Plans and Specifications Project Mapping Hydrologic Investigation 404 COE Permit (NOI)
3.	ODNR AML: Nutter Brothers Tipple, Permit D-716;		
\$96,000 Eng. Estimate	14,200 C.Y. Earthwork 1,500 L.Ft. Ditches 225 L.Ft. Subsurface Drain	HAZMAT Debris Removal (UST's, AST's) 7.2 Ac. Resoiling Plan with Refuse Neutralization Soil Borrow Area Plan Structure Removal	Construction Plans and Specifications Project Mapping Hydrologic Investigation 404 COE Permit (FONSI)
4.	WVDOH: U.S. Route 35 Little Five Mile Creek to County Route 17/1;		
\$27,300,000 Eng. Estimate	1,780,000 C.Y. Earthwork 4 Bridges 29-foot box culvert 10' x 6' 23,500 L.Ft. Ditches 6,510 L.Ft. Culverts	Demolition of 21 buildings 550 L.Ft. Natural Stream Design	Construction Plans and Specifications, Project Mapping, Subsurface Investigation, Hydrologic Investigation 2-404 COE Permit (NW14)

RDZ provides Quality Control/Quality Assurance and Construction Inspection to governmental and private agencies on a regular basis. Some Project-Specific QA/QC experience includes:

1.	WVDEP: Gladly Fork Mining D-35-82 Bond Forfeiture \$3.0M Active Alkaline Treatment Plant;		
\$3,100,000 Bid Estimate	Active Alkaline Treatment Plant - Single Train to Treat 1,000 GPM Construction Plans and Specifications Project Mapping Hydrologic Investigation	Concrete Aeration Basin Concrete Flocculator Concrete Settling Basin Concrete Sludge Thickener Concrete Geo-Tube Slab Bridge over Stonecoal Creek	Construction Inspection: Concrete testing and reporting, Compaction testing and reporting, Full Time Construction Observation and Reporting

2.	WVCA: Fisher-Mill Creek Bank Stabilization;		
\$284,000	148 L.Ft. Drilled Pile and	Construction Inspection:	Construction Plans and
Eng. Est.	Lag Wall,	Concrete testing and reporting,	Specifications,
	Ground Water and	Compaction testing and reporting,	Project Mapping,
	Surface Water Diversions	Full Time Construction Observation	Hydrologic Investigation
		and Reporting	

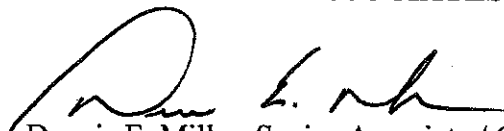
The above Projects demonstrate some of our Project-Specific experience and details a “one-stop shopping” solution for the Elk Creek Portals AML Project. Projects outlined in our attached AMLCCQQ provide more details on the above Projects as well as other Projects completed by RDZ and our employees for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection AML and Special Reclamation Programs; the Ohio Department of Natural Resources AML Program; the West Virginia Conservation Agency; and others. RDZ also has employee experience with numerous Small Operators Assistance Program Applications for surface and deep mine applications in West Virginia and Maryland, as well as over 438 hydrologic investigations for Special Reclamation on bond forfeited sites, all involving hydrologic and geologic investigations and Probable Consequences of Mining in different geologic and hydrologic settings across the State.

RDZ can allot three (3) design teams to this project. Design Team leaders are: Gregory Linder, P.E., Will Thornton, P.E., and Randy Calkins, P.S. each design team will have necessary support personnel including CADD Operators, Staff Engineers, Survey Crews, and other support personnel to ensure the project is completed within WVDEP timeframes. In addition, Randy Calkins will serve as AML Corporate Manager.

We are very excited about the opportunity to continue our working relationship with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and look forward to providing engineering services on this most important Project. We believe no other company can meet our quality of work, which, when coupled with our experience, allows us to be more efficient and therefore very cost competitive. Our Buckhannon Office will respond quickly, effectively, and in the most economical way. If chosen, our primary objective will be to address WVAML needs with numerous professionals in varying fields of expertise available on an “as needed” basis from our Columbus and Charleston Offices.

Should any questions arise, or if we can supply additional information or be of further service to you, the Purchasing Division, or the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, please contact me anytime at (304) 472-7140.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. D. ZANDE AND ASSOCIATES, INC.


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