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Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
1	EOI Engineering Design Services - Clarksburg (Hill) Landslide				0.00

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
81100000			

**Commodity Line Comments:**

**Extended Description:**

\*Dates of Service are estimated for bidding purposes only.

Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
2	EOI Engineering Design Services - Fairfield Highwall				0.00

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
81100000			

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Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
3	EOI Engineering Design Services-Green Valley Rd Laughlin LS				0.00

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**Extended Description:**

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Line	Comm Ln Desc	Qty	Unit Issue	Unit Price	Ln Total Or Contract Amount
4	EOI Engineering Design Svcs-Skidmore Site (Canyon Mine) Mntc				0.00

Comm Code	Manufacturer	Specification	Model #
81100000			

**Commodity Line Comments:**

**Extended Description:**

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**EOI-2021 DESIGN GROUP A PROJECTS WVDEP-DLR-AML  
CEOI 0313 DEP 2200000002**

**DATE: September 14, 2021**

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## 1 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC (Ascent) presents an Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in the request released by the **WVDEP-DLR-AML** located in Harrison and Monongalia Counties, WV. In accordance with the proposed EOI, Ascent is interested in providing engineering services for the design of **Group A Projects which include Clarksburg (Hill) Landslide Project, Fairfield Highwall Project, Green Valley Road (Laughlin) Landslide Project and the Skidmore Site (Canyon Mine) Maintenance Project.** Ascent is fully equipped and locally positioned to provide the subsequent including but not limited to (as may be applicable to each project):

- Perform Site and Geotechnical Investigations
- Design temporary and permanent access or accesses for construction and future maintenance.
- Design to stabilize landslides.
- Design multiple portal seals and regrades.
- Design of highwall reclamation.
- Design to repair or replace existing drainage structures/systems.
- Design to mitigate AMD drainage, including possible horizontal borings.
- Design reclamation of exposed mine spoil and refuse.
- Design of drainage conveyances, including drainage channels, underdrains, and/or other controls to safely convey water off-site.
- Condition and revegetate all disturbed areas.
- Obtain required permits as determined at the Pre-Design Meeting.

**Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC (Ascent)** is a Small Business headquartered in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Collectively, our management team has over 50 years of related experience. Ascent is equipped with a team of professionals, who are experts in their fields and have a comprehensive understanding of construction, engineering, environmental, and best management practices. Ascent has built a network of reliable subcontractors and will pull out all stops for the successful completion of this project! Ascent also maintains an AASHTO accredited materials testing laboratory and provides construction management and inspection services. ***A true full-service firm!***

The **Ascent Team** stands out because of our core competencies that match the requirements of this solicitation:

- **Locally owned and operated.**
- **Experience working highly complex engineering design services projects.**
- **Fully licensed and insured.**
- **Direct project experience and strong references.**
- **Substantial experience with managing hundreds of projects and task orders simultaneously.**
- **An intimate understanding of state and federal standards for safety, and quality.**
- **Ability to determine the most efficient and cost-effective solutions that meet project goals.**
- **The Ascent Team has significant project experience in over 15 states.**
- **The Ascent Team can quickly respond to any Task Order that may be issued through this contract, wherever services are needed.**

Ascent sincerely thanks the **WVDEP-DLR-AML** for this unique and exciting opportunity. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to showcase our Team.



## 2 KEY PERSONNEL

Leadership and staffing are the most important quality of the company of each associate. Ascent’s strategy and competitive advantage is founded on providing the most professional, technically competent, and highly trained leaders for each client. The Ascent Team brings industry leading leadership to the project because our core foundational principle within our strategy is knowing and applying servant leadership principles. Team Ascent has assembled a team with extensive project planning experience. Our staffing plan approach is a systematic process ensuring we bring the **right-sized team** with the **right skills and knowledge** to any project. Our team will bring transparency, innovation, and adaptability to solve problems and provide solutions for the **WVDEP-DLR-AML Projects**. All key personnel will have the required training and certifications. Ascent’s structure is underscored by a knowledgeable and responsive organization. Our staffing plan embodies clear lines of authority, responsibility, and communications. Detailed resumes are contained in **ATTACHMENT C**.

**Project Management Personnel:** Below is a listing of management personnel who would be assigned to the **WVDEP-DLR-AML Projects**.

**Jeff Knepper** will be the Project Manager and Lead Liaison for Ascent services. Jeff Knepper is a Licensed Remediation Specialist (LRS) and former program manager for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection with over 24 years of experience. He worked with the Division of Water and Waste Management to review, develop and approve groundwater protection and remediation plans. He has worked closely with the WV Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) and spent significant time negotiating as a regulator and consultant for remedial activities for the WVDEP and the EPA.

**Mike Nestor** will be a subject matter expert for site development and conceptual plans. Mike Nestor has 18 years of experience with complex site development and plan concepts and serves as the Managing Member of Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC. He holds a Professional Engineering license in WV, PA, OH, VA and MD. His engineering and consulting experience has focused on major land development projects and concept designs.

**Amanda Wright** will be a subject matter expert while providing overall project management and guidance. Amanda Wright has over 17 years’ experience managing large scale and complex environmental projects throughout WV, OH, & PA. Amanda currently serves as a Senior Project Manager at Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC.

**Support Personnel:** Below is a listing of support personnel who could be assigned to the **WVDEP-DLR-AML Projects**.

**Devon Shrewsbury:** B.S.E.T Civil Engineering – Bluefield State College, B.S. Civil Engineering – West Virginia University; Experienced Project Engineer with over 10 years of experience in engineering plan production, stormwater management design and technical reports.

**Keith Axton:** B.S. Civil Engineering Technology – Fairmont State University, 2015. Project Engineer with 5 years of experience with storm sewer designs, lot and road grading and AutoCAD civil 3D designs.

**Megan Wagner:** B.S Environmental Science – California University of Pennsylvania, 2014. Environmental Scientist with over 6 years of experience in environmental assessments, regulatory compliance permitting and technical reports.

### 3 PROJECT METHODOLOGY

Team Ascent will use our **proven management methodology**, as noted in **Figure 1**, and tools to provide **engineering services** for the **WVDEP-DLR-AML**. Ascent strongly believes that clear communication and expectations are at the core of every successful project. We will encourage a kickoff meeting with your staff and our design team at the onset of the project for discussion about existing conditions, project goals, availability of funds, site operations, and perceived challenges, etc. This meeting allows us to fully understand the project and to tailor our approach and communication to that of your liking.

We do not look to reinvent the wheel at Ascent. Instead, it is our goal to support the overall vision by providing a third-party professional conditions review, using our experienced team to offer valuable suggestions, looking for efficient ways to accomplish the project goals, and executing a plan that is easily understood, constructed, and ultimately fixes the problem.

During the initial planning phase, it is imperative to clearly identify project specifics, goals, and schedule, while adhering to a standard operating procedure. As outlined in the scope provided, it is understood that the following projects and goals have previously been identified by the **WVDEP-DLR-AML**.

#### PROJECT LOCATIONS

**Project 1: Clarksburg (Hill) Landslide** is located southwest of Clarksburg, WV. The project is for the stabilization of a dangerous landslide. Repair and/or replacement of existing AMD drainage systems, and installation of additional systems, if required.

**Project 2: Fairfield Highwall** is located northeast of Morgantown, WV and north of Sabraton, WV. The project is for the mitigation of open and collapsed portals, dangerous highwall, chronic AMD drainage, and grading.

**Project 3: Green Valley Road (Laughlin) Landslide** is located east of Anmoore, WV. The project is for the stabilization of a dangerous landslide.

**Project 4: Skidmore Site (Canyon Mine) Maintenance** consists of a previously constructed AML site located northeast of Morgantown, WV and north of Sabraton, WV. The project is for the stabilization of a dangerous landslide. Repair and/or replacement of existing AMD drainage systems, and installation of additional horizontal borings, if required.

#### GOALS

- Develop construction plans and technical specifications to stabilize the landslide, and design new drainage features and structures if the existing structures are unable to be repaired or replaced.
- Design plans and develop specifications to control any associated water with the site.
- Design plans and develop specifications for limits of disturbance, storm water control and erosion and sediment prevention. All disturbed areas are to be regraded and revegetated.
- Design plans and develop specifications for all conditions encountered on the project sites.

#### SCHEDULE

In addition to developing a project budget during the kickoff meeting, Ascent will communicate with **WVDEP-DLR-AML** to set expectations for the complete delivery of project plans, permits, and ultimately the construction of the project. The design team will work backwards from the ultimate delivery date and schedule milestone events in order to get the project completed on time. Careful consideration is put into

construction schedules and permitting as well as time needed for completion of project plans, surveying, Geotechnical investigations and more. Every effort is made to give contractors a reasonable timetable to complete the construction of each project and each project is evaluated for sensitivity of final delivery. Contracts are drafted with liquidated damages to help ensure contractors are held accountable once agreements are in place.

## **PROCEDURE**

At a minimum, Ascent facilitates projects according to the following procedure:

### **Project Kickoff Meeting**

- Sets expectations for scope, budget, schedule, communication procedure, etc.
- Informs team with respect to subconsultants and other outside factors.
- Review of site history and preferred plan.
- Discuss preferences and limitations to site access and other important items.
- Develops “action items” and delivery dates based on various decision points.

### **Conceptual Layout and Preliminary Cost Estimation**

- During this process, various items are completed concurrently such as concept design, base mapping, and ground survey.
- On a conceptual level, Ascent will prepare recommendations for project implementation along with preliminary construction cost estimates. The intent of this phase is to find the “most bang for your buck”.
- After the concepts have been presented to and discussed with the stakeholders, Ascent will move forward with the design of the preferred alternative(s).
- Permit requirements will be evaluated and drafted during this phase.

### **Plan Production**

- After budgets, feasibility, land acquisitions, etc. are confirmed, Ascent will begin assembling final design plans and specifications for construction as well as permit submittals.
- The Ascent Project Manager will provide a weekly email update to the **WVDEP-DLR-AML** outlining work completed, the schedule ahead, and any changes. Significant changes or new information found that is anticipated to require project adjustments will be brought to the **WVDEP-DRR-AML** immediately. Initial contact in this instance is always a phone call, followed by a recap email and in some cases, face to face meetings if representatives are available. Project budgets and schedules are re-evaluated at milestones (typically at 30%, 60%, and 90% completion).
- Finally, the design will be evaluated for long term sustainability to reduce or eliminate maintenance after construction is complete. The plan will be devised in a way that fixes the problem at hand yet minimizes disturbance to the existing landscape. The team assembled for this project has extensive experience in civil site design, compliance, construction management, remediation, hydrology/hydraulics, drainage design, permitting, as well as many other relevant project tasks.

### **Construction Management and Project Inspection**

The project manager in charge will also serve as the Project Manager throughout construction. He will help to identify the proper field personnel to inspect the project, will speak to the inspector daily, and will attend contractor/progress meetings throughout the duration of the project. He will review and submit daily reports to ownership and notify the Client immediately if any problems arise. The Project Manager will also review/approve pay applications submitted by the contractor.

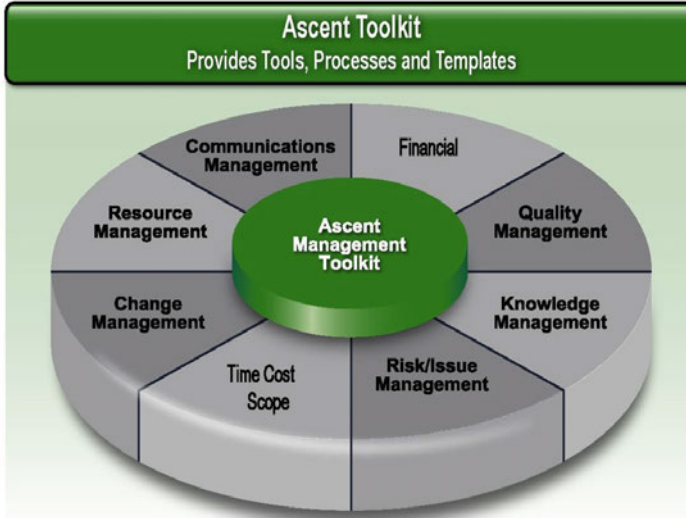
### **Project Finalization**

Ascent will constantly evaluate progress to ensure that the project is on schedule and that pay applications are consistent with the work completed.

**Figure 1- Ascent Team Management Methodology**

The primary objectives of the management framework / processes are:

- **Time, Cost and Scope** – Cost, schedule, and quality control are key components of the Ascent Team’s



management approach. This module is primarily concerned with defining and controlling the project; tracking, modifying, and controlling the steps for realizing the anticipated project benefits; and providing a structure to manage change. We will use cost, schedule, and quality performance measures agreed to during the kickoff meeting to monitor progress.

- **Communications and Reporting:** Ascent understands communication is a key to success for this effort, and good communication will deliver key messages to stakeholders and other team members. This includes status of activities, schedule, and informational awareness on the project and/or task, as well as reporting on a weekly, monthly, or contract basis.

- **Financials:** Ascent utilizes resource planning, cost estimating based on effort, cost budgeting and cost control

processes to ensure that the project is completed within the approved budget. Projects are tracked financially, and billing activities are monitored and controlled along with the collection processes.

- **Quality Management:** All studies for the project will be performed to the industry standard to adhere to proven guidelines. The reports that are generated are peer reviewed internally as a quality control measure.
- **Resource Management:** Our resource management approach ensures that pre-planning, scheduling, and the allocation of Ascent’s resources will maximize efficiency for the Brownfield Environmental Assessment and Planning project.
- **Change Management:** Ascent’s change management approach is to first stop and pause to understand what is driving the change. Once this is understood, it is communicated directly to the client so that a clear path forward can be developed.
- **Knowledge Management:** Our knowledge management process includes collecting, organizing, clarifying, and disseminating information and knowledge throughout an organization and our customers. Ascent has developed and maintains an in-house SharePoint knowledge management site. This knowledge management site is used to house project specific documentation including workflows for routing and approvals.
- **Risk / Issue Management:** Our risk management approach is to reduce the variation in expected project results, including cost, schedule, and performance. Risk management begins with the development of our Risk Management Plan that will continue throughout the life of the project with active participation by all stakeholders. Our PM will manage the Risk Plan, which will contain a description of the risk, the risk category, the risk impact assessment, the risk ranking and urgency, the originator, and the name of the assigned manager/staff member. All problems and issues associated with project performance or related issues will be identified, qualified, and documented in the form of action items, assigned to a responsible individual, entered our Quality Control database, and tracked to resolution. We will employ our rapid issue escalation process via daily stand-up meetings and weekly status reports from our key personnel staff. The Project Manager will ensure that any adverse trends are analyzed for root causes and that appropriate corrective actions are taken.

## 4 REFERENCES

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# ATTACHMENT A

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**AML CONSULTANT QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Attachment "A"**

PROJECT NAME EOI Engineering Design Services-Group A Design Projects		DATE (DAY, MONTH, YEAR) September 13, 2021		FEIN 82-4069240	
1. FIRM NAME Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC		2. HOME OFFICE BUSINESS ADDRESS 2361 Davisson Run Rd Suite 103 Clarksburg, WV 26301		3. FORMER FIRM NAME N/A	
4. HOME OFFICE TELEPHONE (304) 933-3463	5. ESTABLISHED (YEAR) 2018	6. TYPE OWNERSHIP Individual Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partnership Joint-Venture		6a. WV REGISTERED DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. PRIMARY AML DESIGN OFFICE: ADDRESS/ TELEPHONE/ PERSON IN CHARGE/ NO. AML DESIGN PERSONNEL EACH OFFICE 2361 Davisson Run Rd Suite 103 Clarksburg, WV 26301/ (304)933-3463/ Michael Nestor, PE / 9					
8. NAMES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF FIRM Michael R. Nestor, PE (Managing Member) Zachary L. Assaro (Member)			8a. NAME, TITLE, & TELEPHONE NUMBER - OTHER PRINCIPALS		
9. PERSONNEL BY DISCIPLINE					
2 ADMINISTRATIVE	— ECOLOGISTS	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS	— STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS		
— ARCHITECTS	— ECONOMISTS	— MECHANICAL ENGINEERS	2 SURVEYORS		
— BIOLOGIST	— ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS	— MINING ENGINEERS	— TRAFFIC ENGINEERS		
<u>1</u> CADD OPERATORS	<u>3</u> ENVIRONMENTALISTS	— PHOTOGRAMMETRISTS	— OTHER		
— CHEMICAL ENGINEERS	— ESTIMATORS	— PLANNERS: URBAN/REGIONAL			
<u>7</u> CIVIL ENGINEERS	<u>1</u> GEOLOGISTS	— SANITARY ENGINEERS			
<u>23</u> CONSTRUCTION INSPECTORS	— HISTORIANS	— SOILS ENGINEERS			
— DESIGNERS	— HYDROLOGISTS	— SPECIFICATION WRITERS	<u>39</u> TOTAL PERSONNEL		
— DRAFTSMEN					
<p><b>TOTAL NUMBER OF WV REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS IN PRIMARY OFFICE: <u>1</u></b></p> <p><b>*RPEs other than Civil and Mining must provide supporting documentation that qualifies them to supervise and perform this type of work.</b></p>					
10. HAS THIS JOINT-VENTURE WORKED TOGETHER BEFORE? N/A <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					



11. OUTSIDE KEY CONSULTANTS/SUB-CONSULTANTS ANTICIPATED TO BE USED. Attach "AML Consultant Qualification Questionnaire".

NAME AND ADDRESS: American Geotech 601 Ohio Ave Charleston, WV	SPECIALTY: Geotech	WORKED WITH BEFORE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ No
NAME AND ADDRESS: Brandon Rumbaugh Solutions 319 Paintersville Road Hunker, PA 15639	SPECIALTY: Survey	WORKED WITH BEFORE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ No
NAME AND ADDRESS: 6 Guns, LLC 10990 Mason Dixon Highway Burton, WV 26562	SPECIALTY: Mapping	WORKED WITH BEFORE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ No
NAME AND ADDRESS: EnviroProbe 963 Canyon Road Morgantown, WV 26508	SPECIALTY: Geotech	WORKED WITH BEFORE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ No
NAME AND ADDRESS:	SPECIALTY:	WORKED WITH BEFORE  _____ Yes _____ No
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NAME AND ADDRESS:	SPECIALTY:	WORKED WITH BEFORE  _____ Yes _____ No

12. A. Is your firm's personnel experienced in Abandoned Mine Lands Remediation/Mine Reclamation Engineering?

YES Description and Number of Projects: Performed design for various projects dealing with mine seepage and ground instability. Coordinated drilling/monitoring activities, designed wet mine seals, drainage conveyances, E&S measures, and slip repairs, etc. Approximately 5 or 6 projects completed. Specifically, Mr. Nestor was heavily involved in the Anglins Run, Roaring Creek and Leon Street projects as well as several others.

B. Is your firm experienced in Soil Analysis?

YES Description and Number of Projects: Ascent staff is experienced with identifying hydric soils applicable to wetlands and subsequent permitting needs. Ascent is also experienced with reading boring logs and coordinating with Geotechnical Engineers in order to apply information to practical designs. Ascent personnel has provided such services on dozens of projects. Ascent's Environmental Division Manager is a certified Geologist.

NO

C. Is your firm experienced in hydrology and hydraulics?

YES Description and Number of Projects: Ascent personnel performs pre and post watershed analyses on a variety of projects. We have completed drainage studies for municipalities, private development projects, and AML projects. We have also performed stream analyses for bridge replacement projects and development in flood prone areas. This type of work is performed in nearly every project Ascent works on and has been completed in hundreds of projects.

D. Does your firm produce its own Aerial Photography and Develop Contour Mapping?

YES Description and Number of Projects:

NO Ascent works with subconsultants to identify the most cost-effective way of producing design worthy mapping. We have purchased mapping that was already developed, produced mapping with drone flights, and utilized Brandon Rumbaugh Solutions in order to develop survey mapping from "boots on the ground" survey. Each project is analyzed and mapping production is selected based on the appropriate level of accuracy and cost efficiency.

E. Is your firm experienced in domestic waterline design? (Include any experience your firm has in evaluation of aquifer degradation as a result of mining.)

YES Description and Number of Projects: Ascent is experienced with the design and layout of potable water systems for commercial and residential development projects. We have completed dozens of mainline extensions and/or replacement projects, however we do not have experience in aquifer degradation.

NO

F. Is your firm experienced in Acid Mine Drainage Evaluation and Abatement Design?

YES Description and Number of Projects: Ascent Personnel has developed several projects dealing with evaluation of Acid Mine Drainage and design of conveyance/treatment systems. Approximately 5 or 6 projects completed. In addition, Jeff Knepper (Ascent) has extensive experience in Acid Mine drainage treatment both on the consulting side as well as the Regulatory side.

NO

13. PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT OF PRINCIPALS AND ASSOCIATES **RESPONSIBLE FOR AML PROJECT DESIGN** (Furnish complete data but keep to essentials)

NAME & TITLE (Last, First, Middle Int.)	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE		
	YEARS OF AML DESIGN EXPERIENCE:	YEARS OF AML RELATED DESIGN EXPERIENCE:	YEARS OF DOMESTIC WATERLINE DESIGN EXPERIENCE:
Nestor, Michael, R.	10	18	18

**Brief Explanation of Responsibilities**

Mr. Nestor has served in various roles for AML projects as well as numerous projects with related design activities. Mr. Nestor worked as a staff engineer, project engineer, project manager, and then led an entire site development division for a large regional design firm before starting Ascent Consulting and Engineering in January of 2018. He now serves as the Managing Member for the firm. He is very heavily involved in all aspects of the firm's work including design and review for projects. Mr. Nestor has and continues to work with drainage, stormwater, land development, public utility, transportation/access roads, landslides, etc.

**EDUCATION (Degree, Year, Specialization)**  
 Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology, 2003

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	REGISTRATION (Type, Year, State)
American Society of Civil Engineers American Society of Highway Engineers (Past President of NCWV Region)	Professional Engineer, 2009, WV Professional Engineer, 2020, PA Professional Engineer, 2020, VA Professional Engineer, 2020, MD

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NAME & TITLE (Last, First, Middle Int.)	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE		
	YEARS OF AML DESIGN EXPERIENCE:	YEARS OF AML RELATED DESIGN EXPERIENCE:	YEARS OF DOMESTIC WATERLINE DESIGN EXPERIENCE:
Assaro, Zachary, L.	5	8	7

**Brief Explanation of Responsibilities**

Mr. Assaro served as a staff engineer, project engineer, and then project manager within a large regional design firm prior to joining Ascent Consulting and Engineering as a co-owner/member. Mr. Assaro has performed design and management work for a variety of project types including but not limited to access roads, drainage and stormwater management, land development, public utilities, slip repairs, etc.

**EDUCATION (Degree, Year, Specialization)**  
 Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology, 2012

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	REGISTRATION (Type, Year, State)
	N/A

13. PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT OF PRINCIPALS AND ASSOCIATES **RESPONSIBLE FOR AML PROJECT DESIGN** (Furnish complete data but keep to essentials)

NAME & TITLE (Last, First, Middle Int.) Short, Eric, M.	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE		
	YEARS OF AML DESIGN EXPERIENCE: 10	YEARS OF AML RELATED DESIGN EXPERIENCE:18	YEARS OF DOMESTIC WATERLINE DESIGN EXPERIENCE:18

Brief Explanation of Responsibilities  
Mr. Short has been involved in nearly every facet of civil engineering design. He serves as the engineering manager for Ascent Consulting and Engineering. Mr. Short's experiences covers large land development projects, slip repair, access road design, E&S plans, drainage/stormwater management, etc.

EDUCATION (Degree, Year, Specialization)  
 Bachelor of science in Engineering Technology, 2003

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS American Society of Civil Engineers American Society of Highway Engineers	REGISTRATION (Type, Year, State) N/A
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13. PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT OF PRINCIPALS AND ASSOCIATES **RESPONSIBLE FOR AML PROJECT DESIGN** (Furnish complete data but keep to essentials)

NAME & TITLE (Last, First, Middle Int.) Knepper, Jeffrey	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE		
	YEARS OF AML DESIGN EXPERIENCE: 14	YEARS OF AML RELATED DESIGN EXPERIENCE:24	YEARS OF DOMESTIC WATERLINE DESIGN EXPERIENCE:0

Brief Explanation of Responsibilities  
Mr. Knepper serves as Ascent's Environmental Division Manager however maintains a wide variety of duties within the Company. Jeff is a certified professional Geologist, licensed remediation specialist, and carries certifications in above ground storage tanks. Jeff previously served as the statewide Environmental Resources Program Manager for WVDEP, handling permitting and compliance approvals for mining facilities in the state of WV. His background covers investigation work, regulatory/compliance, and hydrogeology.

EDUCATION (Degree, Year, Specialization)  
 Bachelor of Science in Geology, 1998 (West Virginia University)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS American Institute of Professional Geologists West Virginia Manufacturers Association IOGA of WV PIOGA (PA)	REGISTRATION (Type, Year, State) Professional Geologist, VA Licensed Remediation Specialist, WV Certified Aboveground Storage Tank Inspector, STI-SP001 Certified Aboveground Storage Tank Inspector, PA
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14. PROVIDE A LIST OF SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN THE PRIMARY OFFICE WHICH WILL BE USED TO COMPLETE AML DESIGN SERVICES

Auto CAD Civil 3D (2020), Microsoft Suite, Vehicle Tracking, Hydraflow Add on from Auto Desk, HEC-RAS, Google Earth, GPS Pathfinder Office, Terrain Navigator Pro, Adobe Acrobat DC, Sage (Financial Software)

15. CURRENT ACTIVITIES ON WHICH YOUR FIRM IS THE DESIGNATED ENGINEER OF RECORD

PROJECT NAME, TYPE AND LOCATION	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER	NATURE OF YOUR FIRM'S RESPONSIBILITY	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST	PERCENT COMPLETE
Cherry Grove Estates Clarksburg, WV	Stella Construction 51 Middletown Road Fairmont, WV 26554	Design of Residential subdivision, permitting, etc.	\$1,200,000	98%
Leon Street Slip AML Clarksburg, WV	City of Clarksburg, WV 222 West Main Street Clarksburg, WV 26301	NEPA EA and the construction of a stabilization wall over pre-existing mine voids. Services provided: survey & mapping, geotechnical, engineering, & construction administration, archeological survey, & endangered species.	\$1,100,000	90%
Lost Creek Natural Gas replacement, 4.8 mile replacement, Harrison County WV	Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage 6603 West Broad St. Richmond, VA	Transmission Line design, environmental clearances & permitting, construction administration, survey, inspection	\$10,000,000	5%
Mineral Wells Par Mar	Croesus Holdings 8199 McKnight Road Pittsburgh, PA 15237	Site plan and utility upgrades	\$1,000,000	10%
Shannon Fields Well Pad	Southwestern Energy 1300 Fort Pierpont Dr Morgantown, WV 26508	Hydrologic Analysis, road improvement and well pad design, construction management and inspection	\$500,000	75%
Miller Well Pad	Southwestern Energy 1300 Fort Pierpont Dr Morgantown, WV 26508	Hydrologic Analysis, road improvement and well pad design, construction management and inspection	\$500,000	65%

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS: 5

TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS: \$14,300,000

16. CURRENT ACTIVITIES ON WHICH YOUR FIRM IS SERVING AS A SUB-CONSULTANT TO OTHERS

PROJECT NAME, TYPE AND LOCATION	NATURE OF FIRMS RESPONSIBILITY	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST	
				ENTIRE PROJECT	YOUR FIRMS RESPONSIBILITY
Frontier Weirton Crossings	Engineering Design	Frontier Group 500 Seneca St. Buffalo, NY 14204	Ongoing	\$80,000,000	Varies
Paving Projects Numerous	Testing and Inspections	Wolfe Excavating Bear Contracting Mountaineer Contractors Stantec	Ongoing	Varies	Varies
WV Botanical Gardens	Engineering Design	March Westin	Fall 2021	Unknown	Varies
ND Paper - various projects	Structure engineering and mechanical component drawings	ND Paper 702 AFR Drive Fairmont, WV 26554	Ongoing	\$40,000,000	Varies
Realizations 789 Globe Mine Newell, WV	Design and install a new lime dosing system to treat concentrated Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) from two old clay mines.	Newell, WV	Spring 2021	\$1,500,000	The old dosing system was removed, and the new system was engineered and installed to specifications. Hydrogeologic and surface water investigations and submitting necessary permit applications.



17. COMPLETED WORK WITHIN LAST 5 YEARS ON WHICH YOUR FIRM WAS THE DESIGNATED ENGINEER OF RECORD				
PROJECT NAME, TYPE AND LOCATION	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST	YEAR	CONSTRUCTED (YES OR NO)
Fort Martin Road Maintenance Monongalia County, WV & turning lane/entry improvements	Longview Power 1375 Fort Martin Rd Maidsville, WV 26541	\$125,00 & \$600,000	2018/ 2019	YES YES
Lowndes Hill Slip Repair Harrison County, WV	City of Clarksburg 222 West Main Street Clarksburg, WV 26301	\$200,000	2018	YES
The Vale, Residential Housing, Bridgeport, WV	Trailhead Investments, LLC. 721 Brightridge Drive Bridgeport, WV 26330	\$1,900,000	2018- 2019	YES
Jenkins Subaru, Commercial Site Development, Bridgeport, WV	Jenkins Subaru 750 Lodgeville Rd. Bridgeport, WV 26330	\$160,000	2019	YES
Camden Slip Repair & Drainage Improvements	Mountain V Oil and Gas Bridgeport, WV	\$500,000	2020	YES
TL 255 Natural Gas replacement, 5 mile replacement, Wood County WV	Dominion Energy Transmission Southern Regional Headquarters, Weston, WV	\$9,900,000	2020	YES
Sole/Morris Compressor Station, 12 acre compressor pad for natural gas operations, Tyler County, WV	Antero Resources White Oaks Blvd. Bridgeport, WV	\$1,000,000	2019	YES
ND Paper Slip, repair of slip along Monongahela River, Marion County	ND Paper 702 AFR Drive Fairmont, WV 26554	\$500,000	2020	YES

18. COMPLETED WORK WITHIN LAST 5 YEARS ON WHICH YOUR FIRM HAS BEEN A SUB-CONSULTANT TO OTHER FIRMS (INDICATE PHASE OF WORK FOR WHICH YOUR FIRM WAS RESPONSIBLE)

PROJECT NAME, TYPE AND LOCATION	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF YOUR FIRM'S PORTION	YEAR	CONSTRUCTED (YES OR NO)	FIRM ASSOCIATED WITH
Clay Battelle Health Center	Unknown Ascent was a subconsultant to the Architect	\$150,000	2020	YES	Desmone Architecture
WVU Hospitals Rehab Center	WVU Hospitals	\$500,000	2019	NO	Paradigm Architecture

19. Use this space to provide any additional information or description of resources supporting your firm's qualifications to perform work for the West Virginia Abandoned Mine Lands Program. Ascent has assembled a team of senior level design professionals that have a wide variety of experience in the industry. Our size allows us to communicate effectively internally as well as with our clientele, often producing innovative ideas helping to avoid pitfalls that larger firms fall into with inexperienced designers and ineffective communication. Our design personnel specialize in earthwork and drainage which is very well suited for this project and we have close relationships with valued subs that make Geotechnical and Survey project components seamless with the rest of our operations.

20. The foregoing is a statement of facts.

Signature: Michael R. Nestor Title: Managing Member Date: 9/13/21

Printed Name: Michael R. Nestor

# ATTACHMENT B

**AML and RELATED PROJECT EXPERIENCE MATRIX**

PROJECT	Exp. Basis C=Corp. P=Personnel *	Additional Info Provided in Section (s) **	PROJECT EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS															PRIMARY STAFF PARTICIPATION/CAPACITY *** M=Management P=Professional					
			Abandoned Surface Mine Reclamation	Abandoned Deep Mine Reclamation	Portal/Shaft Closure	Hydrologic/Hydraulic Design/Eval.	Remining Evaluation	Mine/Refuse Fire Abatement	Subsidence Investigation Mitigation	Hazardous Waste Disposal	Project Specifications	Water Quality Evaluation/Nitigation/ Replacement	Construction Inspection/Managem ent	Water Treatment	Eq,uipment/Structure Removal	Stream Restoration	Geotechnical/Stability	Michael Nestor	Eric Short	Jeff Knepper	Zachary Assaro	Devon Shrewsberry	Keith Axton
Anglins Run - AML	P		x	x	x	x					x					x	P	P					
Roaring Creek - AML	P		x	x	x	x			x		x				x	x	P	P					
Lowndes Hill Slip Repair	C/P		x						x		x					x	M/P	P		P			
ND Paper Slip Repair	C/P															x	M	P	P		P	P	
Sole/Morris Compressor	C/P															x		M/P		P	P	P	
Gnats Run Slip Repair	C/P															x		P		M	P	P	
Fort Martin Road	C/P										x						M	P		P	P	P	
Tyler County 4H Bridge	C/P															x	M/P	P	P		P	P	
Leon Street Slip Repair	C/P		x	x					x							x	M	P	P		P	P	
Vesuvius Clay Mine	C/P		x	x					x			x	x	x	x				P	M			
White Oaks Phase II	P										x					x	x	M/P			M/P	P	
Camden Slip Repair	C/P										x					x	M/P	P	P			P	
Dominion Pipelines	C/P										x	x					x	M	P	P	P	P	P

\* List whether project experience is corporate or personnel based or both.  
 \*\* Use this area to provide specific sections or pages if needed for reference.  
 \*\*\* List Primary Design personnel and their functional capacity for the projects listed.

# ATTACHMENT C

# JEFFREY KNEPPER, CPG, LRS



## **REGISTRATIONS**

- Certified Professional Geologist – Virginia
- Licensed Remediation Specialist – West Virginia
- Certified Aboveground Storage Tank Inspector – STI-SP001
- Certified Aboveground Storage Tank Inspector – Pennsylvania

## **EDUCATION**

West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, WV – Bachelor  
of Science in Geology – 1998

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Institute of Professional Geologist
- West Virginia
- Manufacturers Association
- IOGA of West Virginia
- PIOGA – PA

## **YEARS EXPERIENCE**

- 20+ years
- 1 ½ years at ACE

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## **SUMMARY**

Mr. Knepper has 20 years of experience working on complex environmental and regulatory projects specializing in environmental/regulatory compliance, remediation, permitting, and aboveground storage Tank (AST) services. Mr. Knepper is adept at developing practical and innovative solutions to challenging environmental issues often faced by oil and gas and other industrial clients. His track record in regulatory compliance, permitting, soil and groundwater remediation, and environmental impacts make him a key team member on projects. Mr. Knepper is a certified professional geologist and a WV licensed remediation specialist. Mr. Knepper is an experienced AST inspector with over 1,000 completed inspections in various states including: WV, PA, OH, KY, WI, MI, VA and NY.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS**

*CPFilms, Industrial Facility, Fieldale, VA* – Mr. Knepper performed nature and extent and site characterization studies for volatile organic compounds. He developed corrective action plans, installed groundwater monitoring wells and performed statistical analyses on results.

*Federal Mogul, Industrial Facility, Winchester, VA* – Mr. Knepper performed groundwater sampling and statistical analyses on results to determine the cause of upgradient groundwater contamination. Mr. Knepper received a commendation from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for exemplary sampling methods and techniques.

*U.S. Silica, Berkeley Springs, WV* – Mr. Knepper led the field operations team at an emergency spill cleanup for chemicals which included: sulfuric acid, caustic soda and petroleum sulfonate from aboveground storage tanks. Mr. Knepper's full knowledge of the WVDEP regulations for tanks and site cleanup proved invaluable in minimizing potential contamination and receiving high praise from the WVDEP.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE**

*Dominion Energy Transmission, Bridgeport, WV* – Mr. Knepper developed a permitting guide to monitor permit conditions, permit expirations and regulatory deadlines. This guide encompassed all of Dominion's permits. It helped to mainstream and organize permits regardless of personnel responsibilities and turnover.

*American Electric Power, Mountaineer Plant, New Haven, WV* - Mr. Knepper developed the first Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) permit in WV and the United States. The permit was issued prior to the Environmental Protection Agency releasing the regulations for the newly established class VI rules which now govern CCS.

## **UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL**

Mr. Knepper has over 10 years of experience working with underground injection control projects. He was the state-wide Environmental Resources Program Manager for WV handling all permitting and compliance approvals for mining facilities working closely with various mining companies including: Wolf Run Mining, Greenbrier Minerals, Independence Coal, Brooks Run Mining, Mid-Vol Coal Sales, Pinnacle Mining, ICG-Beckley, LLC and many more. Mr. Knepper has also provided this knowledge to the consulting realm as an alternative to existing permits or lack of efficiency in current treatment options.

*Vesuvius, Globe Mine, Newell, WV* – Mr. Knepper led a team to renew a NPDES permit at an old clay mine. The facility had been violation for many years because of the high concentration of iron. Mr. Knepper was instrumental in renewing the NPDES permit and providing an alternative to help bring the facility back into compliance with the WVDEP.

### **HYDROGEOLOGY**

*Georgia Pacific, Industrial Facility – Martinsville, VA* - Mr. Knepper performed groundwater sampling and statistical analyses on volatile organic compounds, metals and semi-volatile organic compounds from groundwater samples.

*Scott County, Gate City, VA* – Mr. Knepper performed site characterization studies on volatile organic compounds contaminating multiple sites. Mr. Knepper prepared corrective action plans and nature and extent studies. He also performed groundwater statistics that were used by the VDEQ as a model for how to perform the various investigations and studies.

*Patrick County, Stuart, VA* – Mr. Knepper helped design and manage a gas extraction system for the County. He also was instrumental in the approval of a corrective action plan from the VDEQ for vinyl chloride contamination. Mr. Knepper developed alternatives the State of Virginia now uses to evaluate nature and extent studies and site characterization reports.



## **REGISTRATIONS**

Professional Engineer:

- West Virginia
- Virginia,
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Maryland

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Society of Civil Engineers.
- American Society of Highway Engineers (Past President of NCWV Region).

## **EDUCATION**

Fairmont State College, Fairmont, WV  
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

## **YEARS EXPERIENCE**

- 16 years
- 2 ½ years at ACE

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# **MICHAEL NESTOR, PE**

## **SUMMARY**

Mr. Nestor is a Civil Engineer registered professionally in WV and serves as the Managing Member of Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC. He has over 16 years of consulting experience focusing on land development projects and stormwater management in WV, MD, and PA. His expertise allows him to guide projects from concept to completion by understanding the goals/vision of the project, effectively communicating with the project team, and paying careful attention to the details. Mr. Nestor will be responsible for leading and client communication on this project.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **ASCENT CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING, (CLARKSBURG, WV)**

Mr. Nestor is the founding/managing member of Ascent. He is responsible for the day to day operations of the firm and Quality Assurance/Control. In addition, Mike serves as the Engineering Division Manager, working with Engineers, CAD Techs, etc. to ensure projects include practical and efficient designs, and are delivered in a timely manner.

### **THE THRASHER GROUP, (BRIDGEPORT, WV)**

Throughout Mr. Nestor's employment with The Thrasher Group, he served in a variety of roles ranging from Staff Engineer up to Site Group Division Manager. This allowed him to work on teams for a wide variety of projects and in a range of capacities.

### **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PARKS**

Designed and permitted the sites for multiple commercial and industrial properties ranging from major development projects such as the White Oaks Business Park and West Ridge Development to individual development sites for commercial and retail uses.

### **ROADS/SIDEWALKS**

Designed and managed various roadway projects ranging from new road builds to maintenance and improvement projects.

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Designed numerous stormwater management facilities and developed stormwater management programs for compliance to the State of WV's MS4 Program in several communities.



# AMANDA WRIGHT

## SR PROJECT MANAGER



### EDUCATION

MBA, International Business,  
Salem International University, 2011

BA, Liberal Studies,  
Salem International University, 2004

### YEARS EXPERIENCE

- 17+ years
- 6 months at ACE

### ASSOCIATIONS

- Board Member of The Women's Energy Network WV
- Marcellus Shale Coalition
- West Virginia Natural Gas Association
- West Virginia Independent Oil & Gas Association
- Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association
- Ohio Oil & Gas Association
- 2018 Young Gun Nominee – West Virginia Executive

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### SUMMARY

Ms. Amanda Wright is a Senior Project Manager and Lead Liaison for Ascent services. Amanda Wright has nearly 20 years of experience within leadership roles, risk assessment, environmental compliance, permitting, safety, and project management. She has been involved in numerous commercial, residential, and energy infrastructure projects located within WV, PA, TN, OH, KY, and VA. E.g., land development, ASTs, impoundments, well pads, access roads, roadway repairs, gathering lines, and water and gas pipeline projects.

### EXPERIENCE

#### **DIEFFENBAUCH & HRITZ**

##### **Director, Regulatory Compliance**

Key member of the organization & heavily involved in all aspects of the firm's day to day operations. Managed regulatory, permitting, and environmental compliance activities associated with all projects. Responsible for coordinating environmental, survey, and geotechnical services, as well as, supervising engineering design and permitting for a wide range of clients.

#### **RICE ENERGY**

##### **Permitting & Regulatory Compliance Manager**

Managed engineering, permitting, and environmental compliance activities associated with all projects for Rice Energy. Managed the regulatory & compliance team within PA & OH, encompassing the following aspects: surface permitting, surface use permitting, site & roadway compliance, & sub-surface permitting. Heavily involved with each project beginning with the inception through construction and reclamation. Direct point of contact for all regulatory matters and was the lead on all zoning and surface use permitting from a local, state, and federal level.

#### **CONSOL ENERGY**

##### **Manager-Gas Permitting-Southern Region**

Managed the southern permitting team within the southern region (WV, OH, PA, KY, VA, & TN) which included engineering, permitting, and environmental compliance activities associated with all projects for CONSOL including JV partners Noble, Antero, & DTI. Managed the regulatory & compliance team, encompassing the following aspects: surface permitting, surface use permitting, site & roadway compliance, & sub-surface permitting. Heavily involved with each project beginning with the initial kick off project feasibility through construction and reclamation. Direct point of contact for all regulatory matters and was the lead on all zoning and surface use permitting from a local, state, and federal level.

# DEVON SHREWSBURY, PROJECT ENGINEER



## **EDUCATION**

Bluefield State College  
B.S.E.T in Civil Engineering

West Virginia University  
Bachelor of Science in Civil  
Engineering

## **YEARS EXPERIENCE**

- 10 years
- 2 ½ years at ACE

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## **SUMMARY**

Devon is an experienced Project Engineer at Ascent. Her background is in engineering plan production, stormwater management design, environmental permitting, technical reports, and more. Her ability to prepare and design multiple aspects of a project as well as her great communication with our clients and team allows Devon to meet the needs of everyone involved. Mrs. Shrewsbury has exposure to a wide variety of project types and is astute in keeping projects in line with budgets and schedules. She has an outstanding ability to work with regulatory agencies which provides efficient designs and timely approvals.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **ASCENT CONSULTING & ENGINEERING, (CLARKSBURG, WV)**

Mrs. Shrewsbury is responsible for leading design teams for the ultimate goal of project permitting and plan production. She uses her knowledge of civil engineering design practices and construction methods to guide her project teams to efficient and timely project completion. Devon is experienced in AutoCad Civil 3D, Stormwater Management Design, and the Hydraflow design suite of software. She prepares and reviews design computations and project cost estimates. Devon can take a client's project from start to completion and is an invaluable part of the Ascent Team.

### **ENTERPRISE, MORGANTOWN WV**

This project consisted of the construction of a new Enterprise facility in Morgantown, WV. Devon was involved in the site design, preparation of construction documents, construction stormwater permitting through the WVDEP, and working with the contractor throughout the duration of construction.

### **I-79 RANDOLPH DEVELOPMENT**

This project included a 5 acres pad development in Quiet Dell along I-79 for future development. completed the site design, prepared the construction documents, received permitting through the WVDEP, coordinated with the WVDOH for entrance permitting and right-of-way acquisition, and coordinated utility relocations throughout the site.

### **UHAUL, MORGANTOWN WV**

This project consisted of the construction of a new Uhaul facility on Van Voorhis Road in Morgantown, WV. Devon was involved in the site design, preparation of construction documents, construction stormwater permitting through the WVDEP, and working with the contractor throughout the duration of construction.

# KEITH AXTON, PROJECT ENGINEER



## **EDUCATION**

Fairmont State College, Fairmont,  
WV

Bachelor of Science Civil  
Engineering Technology

## **YEARS EXPERIENCE**

- 2 years
- 1 year at ACE

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## **SUMMARY**

Mr. Axton is a highly effective and trained project engineer capable of working independently with minimum supervision and committed to providing high quality service on every project. Keith is experienced in initial survey stakeout, survey As-Built for sites as well as estimate, bidding process and bidding software. Keith uses his knowledge and experience to communicate with our clients as well as everyone involved in the project process. Keith always takes the time to make sure projects are on time and on budget.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **ASCENT CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING (CLARKSBURG, WV)**

Mr. Axton works as a design team leader at Ascent Consulting and Engineering. He is experienced in residential site development, construction plans, hydraulic modeling, and more. Keith has lead projects from start to finish of all sizes and is able to bring a wealth of knowledge to each project he works on.

### **THE TIMMONS GROUP, (Raleigh, NC)**

During Mr. Axton's time at The Timmons Group he designed and permitted sites for multiple commercial and residential properties. Keith is also experienced in AutoCAD Civil 3D design, road and lot grading, as well as sewer design and storm impact analysis.

### **THE THRASHER GROUP**

Mr. Axton was an intern before becoming a full-time project engineer where he was able to create construction plans, draw and interpret maps, diagrams and blueprints. Keith was responsible for storm sewer design, site layouts drainage analysis and more.

### **GENERAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE**

- AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Environmental I & II
- Surveying I & II
- Dynamics
- Structural Design
- Construction Estimating
- Highway Design and Transportation
- Oil and Gas (Well Pads/Pipeline)
- Construction Planning
- Soil Mechanics and Geotechnics I & II

# MEGAN WAGNER

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST



### EDUCATION

B.S. Environmental Studies: Fisheries & Wildlife

California University of Pennsylvania,  
2014

### YEARS EXPERIENCE

- 6+ Years

### CERTIFICATIONS

- 10 Hour OSHA – Construction & Health Certification, 2015
- 40-Hour Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Certification, Richard Chinn Environmental Training, 2015
- Morphological Soils Investigations Certification, PADEP, 2016
- PA Botanical Symposium Community Ecology Workshop, 2016
- Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands v. 5.0 Training Course, 2017
- PADEP One-Day Technical Training, 2017

### ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of The Women's Energy Network WV

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### SUMMARY

Ms. Megan Wagner is an Environmental Scientist for Ascent services. Ms. Wagner has approximately 6 years of experience with data collection, report writing and GIS mapping for a variety of projects. Her experience includes stream and wetland delineations, soil assessments, infiltration testing, soil profiling, stream assessments and monitoring, BMP suitability reports, habitat assessments, permit writing, Phase 1 reporting, SWPPP, GPP, and SPCC plans, stormwater sampling, and GIS mapping/data processing. She has been involved in numerous projects located within WV, PA, and OH. The range of projects include, well pads, access roads, road upgrades, gathering lines, ASTs, impoundments, modifications, slip repairs, and water and gas pipeline projects.

### EXPERIENCE

#### **DIEFFENBAUCH & HRITZ**

##### **Environmental Scientist II, GIS Technician**

Generated field work, data collection, and report writing for stream and wetland delineations. Completed nationwide permits and stream activity permits. Operated soil infiltration testing and subsurface evaluations for soil assessment reports. Performed rare, threatened, and endangered species studies and regulatory coordination, habitat assessment and plant relocation projects. Conducted stream assessment, monitoring, and macroinvertebrate surveys. Completed mapping, GIS, and GPS data with ArcGIS 10.6 and Trimble Geo 7x Units. Performed erosion and sediment control inspections.

#### **SUTTON AVIAN RESEARCH CENTER**

##### **Survey Technician**

Was responsible for collection of all field data on federally threatened Lesser Prairie Chicken. Performed habitat assessment based on vegetation and topography. Completed triangulation points for determined Leks. Utilized four-wheel drive on rough terrain/roads. Identified target species as well as multiple grassland birds.

#### **ALLEGHENY WOOD PRODUCTS**

##### **Forestry Intern**

Assisted forestry with research on the Blackwater Canyon Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Maximized research on Indiana bat, Northern long-eared bat, Virginia bat, and Cheat Mountain salamander for better understanding of endangered species present and to assist forestry on proposing a proper HCP to allow timber harvest on the Blackwater Canyon property.



# ANDREW KINCELL, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER



## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Technologist Construction Specialization
- West Virginia Contractors License #WV035216
- WVDOH Certified Asphalt Technician
- WVDOH Certified Aggregate Technician
- WVDOH Certified Concrete Technician
- WVDOH Compaction Technician
- WVDOH Certified Asphalt Inspector
- WVDOH Certified Concrete Inspector
- ACI Concrete Lab Testing Technician Level 1
- ACI Aggregate Testing Level 1
- ACI Concrete Field Testing Grade 1
- ACI Concrete Strength Testing Technician

## **EDUCATION**

A.S. Civil Technology, Fairmont State University

Level V Certification Transportation Engineering,  
Fairmont State University

## **YEARS EXPERIENCE**

- 20+ years
- 1 ½ years at ACE

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## **SUMMARY**

Mr. Kincell manages the Ascent Field Services division. He is responsible for QA/QC and scheduling projects. Andy also oversees our materials testing laboratory. He has over 20 years of experience overseeing a full range of construction projects including buildings, large earthwork projects, utilities, road construction, bridges, etc.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **ASCENT CONSULTING & ENGINEERING, (CLARKSBURG, WV) Field Services/Business Development**

Division Manager of the field service department and materials testing lab. Monitor testing of multiple projects, review reports, manage field services, and scheduling. Liaison between clients, contractors and sub consultants. Prepares budget, manages billing and compliance. Andy is responsible for the development and AASHTO accreditation for the ACE lab. Andy's role in developing the lab for Ascent has created jobs and growth for the entire company.

### **THE THRASHER ENGINEERING GROUP, (BRIDGEPORT, WV) Construction Services/Business Development 14yrs**

Management of three separate laboratories; one in Clarksburg, WV, one in Beckley, WV and the third in Canton, OH. Testing and maintenance on multiple projects at a time. Responsible to getting the lab AASHTO accreditation. Monitor testing of various construction materials in the lab, such as concrete, aggregate, and soil. Oversaw 75+ field technicians, lab managers and other construction managers. Prepare budgets and tracked projects to make sure they were within compliance. Compilation of results of tests into the proper reports for the contractor and West Virginia Department of Transportation. Maintenance and calibration of all testing equipment. Liaison between contractors, clients, and government agencies. Hiring and training of new employees. Managed the materials testing and inspections of the \$240M Biometric Building and Parking Garage project for the FBI.

### **WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**

#### **Research Assistant**

Research Assistant for Dr. Zaniewski, West Virginia University (head of asphalt department), and the West Virginia Department of Transportation. Assisted with a variety of research projects. Responsible for the supervision and training of graduate students on the use of research equipment and assisted them with research projects. Maintenance of testing equipment, which included running calibrations on the equipment, documenting any variances, reading schematics to diagnose and repair malfunctioning equipment, and correcting any problems found during the maintenance process. Ensured the adequate amount of testing equipment and supplies were available and ordered any additional materials required. Attended conferences to learn about new products and testing procedures.



# ZACH ASSARO, PROJECT MANAGER

## **SUMMARY**

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Mr. Assaro is an Engineering Consultant/Manager and Member of Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC. He has 10 years of consulting experience focusing on land development projects and stormwater management in WV and PA. His expertise allows him to guide projects from concept to completion by understanding the goals/vision of the project, effectively communicating with the project team, and paying careful attention to the details. Mr. Assaro will be responsible for managing support staff and project details throughout this project.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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### **ASCENT CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING (CLARKSBURG, WV)**

#### **JENKINS SUBARU – ADDITION**

Site plan development for the addition of a 10,000 sf office space in the parking lot of an existing dealership. The project consisted of layout to allow for circulation within the existing dealership, parking, utility connections, stormwater conveyance, and re-grading of the existing gravel parking lot.

#### **THE VALE**

Layout and engineering design for an upscale housing development in Bridgeport, WV. The community utilizes low impact development practices to provide 22 lots ranging in size from 1 to 7 acres. The project required substantial utility extensions and creativity in stormwater management controls as well as major roadway extensions throughout challenging terrain.

#### **THE THRASHER GROUP (BRIDGEPORT, WV)**

Throughout Mr. Assaro's employment with The Thrasher Group, he served in a variety of roles ranging from Staff Engineer up to Project Manager. Zach's primary role was value engineering. He worked closely with developers and contractors to develop efficient projects that were successful for ownership, designers, and contractors.

#### **BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL/RETAIL**

Designed and permitted sites for multiple commercial properties including Hawthorn Suites, TGI Friday's, Generic Retail Centers, Shop N' Save, Dollar General, Kia, Audi, Subaru, and Ford Dealerships. Also served on Project Team as lead engineer for the Boy Scouts of America Welcome Center located on US Rt. 19 and various road improvement projects.

#### **INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Designed and managed America's Best Block factory. Throughout this experience, he handled foreign affairs and coordinated design among architects, engineers, planners, and ownership.

#### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Designed and managed multiple stormwater upgrades for municipalities such as the City of Bridgeport and Fayetteville, WV

## **EDUCATION**

Fairmont State College, Fairmont,  
WV

Bachelor of Science in Engineering  
Technology

## **YEARS EXPERIENCE**

- 10 years
- 2 ½ years at ACE

Email:

[zach@ascentconsultingengineers.com](mailto:zach@ascentconsultingengineers.com)

# ERIC SHORT, PROJECT MANAGER



## **EDUCATION**

B.S., Civil Engineering Technology,  
2003 – Fairmont State University

A.S., Architectural Engineering  
Technology, 2003 – Fairmont State  
University

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

American Society of Civil  
Engineers  
American Society of Highway  
Engineers

## **YEARS EXPERIENCE**

- 16 years
- 2 ½ years at ACE

Email:  
eric@ascentconsultingengineers.com

## **SUMMARY**

Eric Short is a Senior Civil Project Manager/Engineer. In his 16 years of consulting, he has worked on a variety of projects which include all types of development, transportation designs, stormwater management designs, site grading, and oil/natural gas facilities. His tasks involve the design and development of Demolition, Erosion and Sediment Control, Site, Grading, and Utility Plans along with creating details for site specific elements. Mr. Short is also an experienced highway designer with a background in the preparation of roadway construction, right-of-way, sign, and pavement marking plans. Other responsibilities include traffic studies, storm water and sanitary sewer design, and cost estimation.

Eric Short's expertise lies in taking detailed designs and translating them into easy to understand and executable documents. His ability to communicate effectively with contractors and stakeholders while using a commonsense design and approach to construction makes him a very effective Engineer and Manager.

## **EXPERIENCE**

**City of Ripley, Main Street Revitalization:** This project was one of kind for us in that we took all of the existing overhead utility lines along Main Street and putting them underground in conduit. The project involved direct coordination with the utility companies to ensure they had the necessary number, size, and location of conduit. Beyond the utilities, the Main Street was designed with new sidewalks that incorporated brick pavers, hand railing, decorative street lights, and handicap ramps.

•**City of Grafton, Main Street Revitalization:** The project consisted of designing sidewalks that incorporated decorative street lights, benches, handicap ramps, and landscape islands.

•**Raleigh County Memorial Airport & Industrial Park:** Design of a 1,100 linear footroad extension, Drainage and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.

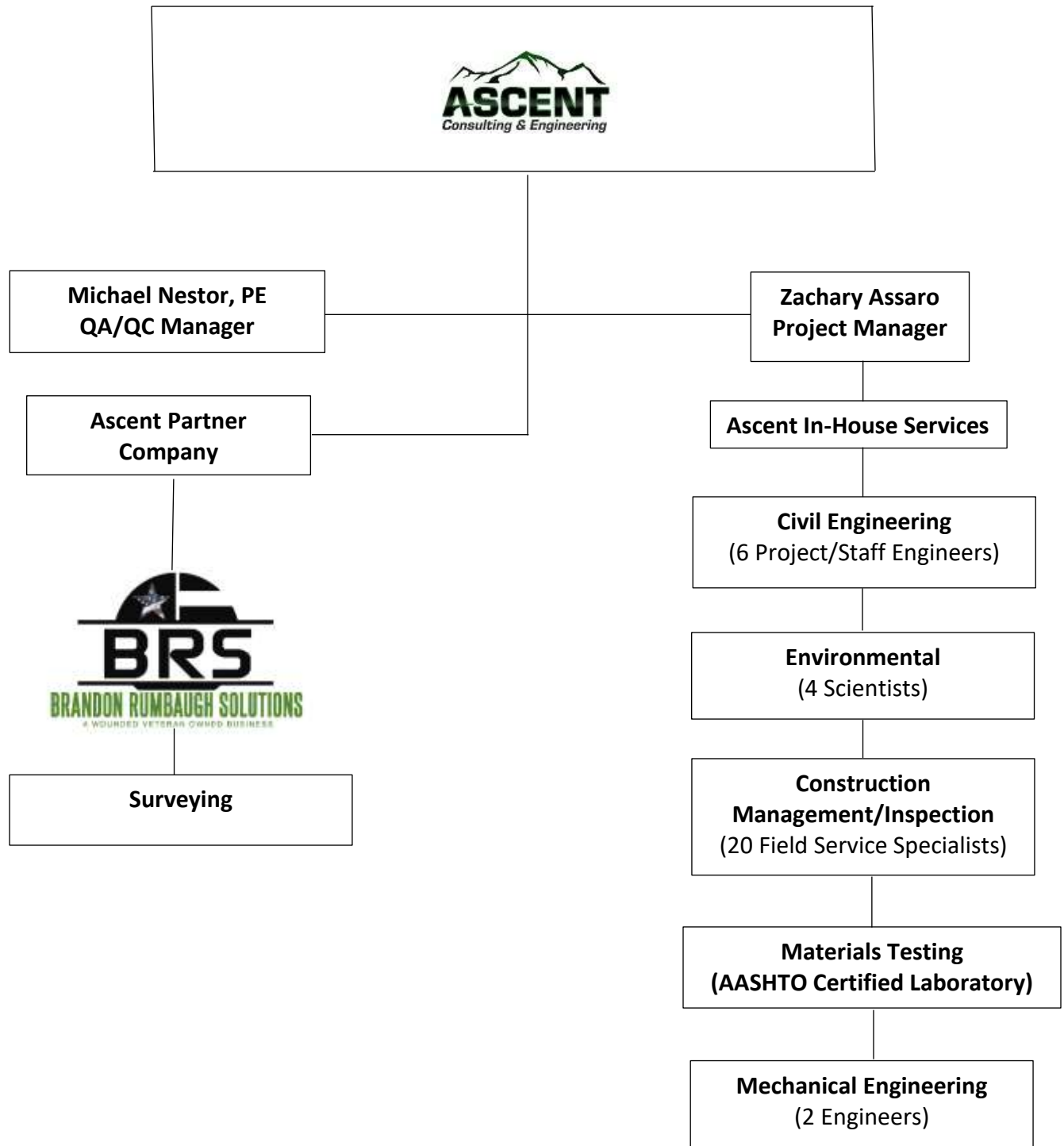
•**Cambridge Place Business Park:** Complete Site Design Package, multiple tenant building and parking layout, utility extensions, and storm water system in accordance with the City of Bridgeport regulations.

•**Genesis Youth Crisis Center:** Complete Site Design Package, including approximately 35,000 cubic yards of earthwork, building and parking layout, utility extensions, and storm water management facilities.

# ATTACHMENT D



# PROJECT TEAM



# ATTACHMENT E

# State of West Virginia



## Certificate

*I, Mac Warner, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, hereby certify that*

**ASCENT CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING LLC**

made application to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office to be a registered limited liability company in the State of West Virginia on January 26, 2018. The application was received and found to conform to law.

The company is filed as an at-will company, for an indefinite period.

I further certify that the company has not been revoked or administratively dissolved by the State of West Virginia nor has the West Virginia Secretary of State issued a Certificate of Cancellation or Termination to the company.

Accordingly, I hereby issue this Certificate of Existence

## **CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE**

**Validation ID:3WV1G\_DBDBQ**



*Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of  
West Virginia on this day of*

*February 25, 2021*

*Mac Warner*

*Secretary of State*

Renewal



**West Virginia**  
Department of  
**Environmental Protection**

*KNEPPER, JEFFREY S*  
Licensed Remediation Specialist

Registration Number: [REDACTED]

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Director, Division of Land Restoration*

09/18/2019 - 09/30/2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Issued - Date Expires*

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

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Telephone: (804) 367-8500

EXPIRES ON

08-31-2021

NUMBER

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS & GEOLOGISTS  
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST



JEFFREY SCOTT KNEPPER



*Mary Broz-Vaughan*  
Mary Broz-Vaughan, Acting Director

Status can be verified at <http://www.dpor.virginia.gov>

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR PRIVILEGES AND INSTRUCTIONS)

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# ATTACHMENT F

**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
**SOLICITATION NO.: CE01 DEP22\*02**

**Instructions:** Please acknowledge receipt of all addenda issued with this solicitation by completing this addendum acknowledgment form. Check the box next to each addendum received and sign below. Failure to acknowledge addenda may result in bid disqualification.

**Acknowledgment:** I hereby acknowledge receipt of the following addenda and have made the necessary revisions to my proposal, plans and/or specification, etc.

**Addendum Numbers Received:**

(Check the box next to each addendum received)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 6  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 2            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 8  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 4            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 9  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 5            | <input type="checkbox"/> Addendum No. 10 |

I understand that failure to confirm the receipt of addenda may be cause for rejection of this bid. I further understand that any verbal representation made or assumed to be made during any oral discussion held between Vendor's representatives and any state personnel is not binding. Only the information issued in writing and added to the specifications by an official addendum is binding.

Ascent Consulting & Engineering  
Company

MC K. NT

Authorized Signature

9-13-21

Date

NOTE: This addendum acknowledgement should be submitted with the bid to expedite document processing.  
Revised 6/8/2012

**DESIGNATED CONTACT:** Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

MR. NT, Managing Member  
(Name, Title)  
Michael R. Nestor, Managing Member  
(Printed Name and Title)  
2361 Dawson Run Rd Suite 103 Clarksburg  
(Address) WV 26301  
304-933-3463  
(Phone Number) / (Fax Number)  
mike@ascentconsultingengineers.com  
(email address)

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:** By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that: I have reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid, offer or proposal constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that I am authorized by the vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

By signing below, I further certify that I understand this Contract is subject to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 5A-3-62, which automatically voids certain contract clauses that violate State law.

Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC  
(Company)

MR. NT, Managing Member  
(Authorized Signature) (Representative Name, Title)

Michael R. Nestor  
(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

9-13-2021  
(Date)

304-933-3463  
(Phone Number) (Fax Number)



ABANDONED MINE LANDS (AML) CONTRACTOR INFORMATION FORM

You must complete this form for your AML contracting officer to request an eligibility evaluation from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) to determine if you are eligible to receive an AML contract. This requirement applies to contractors and their sub-contractors and can be found under OSMRE's regulations at 30 CFR 874.16. **NOTE:** This form must be signed and **dated within 30 days** of submission to be considered for a current bid.

**Part A: General Information \*Consulting Firm**

Business Name: Ascent Consulting & Engineering  
Tax ID #: 82-4069240  
Address: 2361 Davisson Run Road, Suite 103  
City, State, & Zip: Clarksburg, WV 26301  
Phone Number: 304-933-3463  
Email Address: amanda@ascentconsultingengineers.com

**Part B: Obtain an Organizational Family Tree (OFT) from the Applicant Violator System (AVS)**

If you plan to certify the existing AVS information or submit updates under Part C, you must include an OFT. To obtain an OFT, you may contact the AVS Office at 800-643-9748 or from the AVS website at: <https://avss.osmre.gov/>. Instructions for how to download an OFT from the AVS can be found at: <https://www.osmre.gov/programs/AVS/aml-instructions.pdf>.

**Part C: Certifying and updating information in the AVS**

Select only one of the following options, follow the instructions for that option, and sign and date below.

I, Michael R. Nestor, have express authority to certify that:  
(Print Name)

1. Our business is in the AVS and is accurate, complete, and up-to-date. If you select this option, you must attach an Entity OFT from the AVS to this form. Do not complete Part D.
2. Our business is in the AVS but needs to be updated. If you select this option you must attach an Entity OFT from the AVS to this form. Use Part D to provide the missing or corrected information.
3. Our business is not in the AVS and needs to be added. Complete Part D.

9/13/21  
Date

Michael R. Nestor  
Signature

Managing Member  
Title

**Part D: OFT Information**

Contractor's Business Name: Ascent Consulting & Engineering (Consulting Firm)

If the current Entity OFT information for your business is incomplete in the AVS, or if there is no information in the AVS for your business, you must provide all of the following information as it applies to your business. Please include additional copies of this page if the space below is not sufficient to capture all information.

- Every officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.);
- All Directors, Partners, and Members;
- All persons performing a function similar to a Director;
- Every person or business that owns 10% or more of the voting stock in your business;
- Any other person(s) who has the ability to determine the manner in which the AML reclamation project is being conducted.
- **Please list an end date for any person no longer with your business.**

Name: Michael R. Nestor  
Address: 2361 Davisson Run Rd., Suite 103, Clarksburg, 26301  
Begin Date: January 2018  
End Date: N/A  
% Ownership: 50%  
Position/Title: Managing Member  
Phone Number: 304-933-3463

Name: Zachary L. Assaro  
Address: 2361 Davisson Run Rd., Suite 103, Clarksburg, 26301  
Begin Date: January 2018  
End Date: N/A  
% Ownership: 50%  
Position/Title: Member  
Phone Number: 304-933-3463

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Begin Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
% Ownership: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Begin Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
End Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
% Ownership: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION STATEMENT**

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3501) requires us to inform you that: Federal Agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. This information is necessary for all successful bidders prior to the distribution of AML funds, and is required to obtain a benefit.

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to range from 15 minutes to one hour, with an average of 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, gather and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 4559, Washington, DC 20240.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
Purchasing Division

**PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT**

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:** Under W. Va. Code § 5-22-1(i), the contracting public entity shall not award a construction contract to any bidder that is known to be in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, obligations related to payroll taxes, property taxes, sales and use taxes, fire service fees, or other fines or fees.

**ALL CONTRACTS:** Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

**EXCEPTION:** The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**"Debt"** means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

**"Employer default"** means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

**"Related party"** means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceeds five percent of the total contract amount.

**AFFIRMATION:** By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (W. Va. Code §61-5-3) that: (1) for construction contracts, the vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, and (2) for all other contracts, that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

**WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:**

Vendor's Name: Ascent Consulting and Engineering LLC

Authorized Signature: [Signature] Date: 9-13-2021

State of WV

County of Harrison, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 13 day of September, 2021

My Commission expires May 30, 2026



NOTARY PUBLIC [Signature]  
Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 01/19/2018)

**West Virginia Ethics Commission**  
**Disclosure of Interested Parties to Contracts**

(Required by *W. Va. Code* § 6D-1-2)

Name of Contracting Business Entity: Ascent Consulting & Engineering Address: 2361 Davisson Run Rd, Suite 103  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

Name of Authorized Agent: Michael R. Nestor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract Number: TBD Contract Description: TBD

Governmental agency awarding contract: WVDEP- DLR - AML

Check here if this is a Supplemental Disclosure

List the Names of Interested Parties to the contract which are known or reasonably anticipated by the contracting business entity for each category below (*attach additional pages if necessary*):

**1. Subcontractors or other entities performing work or service under the Contract**

Check here if none, otherwise list entity/individual names below.

American Geotech, Brandon Rumbaugh Solutions, 6-Guns, & EnviroProbe

**2. Any person or entity who owns 25% or more of contracting entity (not applicable to publicly traded entities)**

Check here if none, otherwise list entity/individual names below.

**3. Any person or entity that facilitated, or negotiated the terms of, the applicable contract (excluding legal services related to the negotiation or drafting of the applicable contract)**

Check here if none, otherwise list entity/individual names below.

Signature: *Michael R. Nestor* Date Signed: 9-14-21

**Notary Verification**

State of WV, County of Harrison:

I, Michael R. Nestor, the authorized agent of the contracting business entity listed above, being duly sworn, acknowledge that the Disclosure herein is being made under oath and under the penalty of perjury.

Taken, sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of September, 2021

*John E. Robinson Jr.*  
Notary Public's Signature

**To be completed by State Agency:**

Date Received by State Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted to Ethics Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Governmental agency submitting Disclosure: \_\_\_\_\_

