

**State of West Virginia
Department of Administration
Purchasing Division**

NOTICE

Due to the size of this bid, it was impractical to scan every page for online viewing. We have made an attempt to scan and publish all pertinent bid information. However, it is important to note that some pages were necessarily omitted.

If you would like to review the bid in its entirety, please contact the buyer. Thank you.

October 18, 2007

Project E071120

Purchasing Division
2019 Washington Street, East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Expression of Interest
Engineering Services Required for the
Lower Dempsey Branch Highwall
DEP14163

Gentlemen:

GAI Consultants, Inc. (GAI) welcomes the opportunity to submit our proposal in response to your Request for Expression of Interest DEP14163 to provide professional engineering services. These services will result in the development of mapping, engineering drawings, contract specifications, and other contract documents required for the Lower Dempsey Branch Highwall project in Logan County, West Virginia.

GAI is exceptionally well qualified to provide the State with the above referenced services offered at the most favorable terms from both a technical and cost standpoint. The work under this contract will be performed in our Charleston, West Virginia office. The Charleston office has provided the State with quality engineering services for the abatement of problems arising from abandoned mine lands since opening in 1985. We have served the State on previous West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection – Abandoned Mine Land (WVDEP-AML) open-end contracts and other contracts from 1986 to the present. As a result of this long-term experience, GAI can provide the required expertise, continuity and conformance to program guidelines established by the WVDEP-AML.

GAI welcomes you to visit our facilities located at 500 Summers Street, 3rd Floor, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

GAI has:

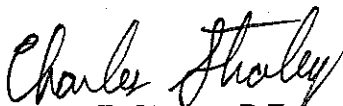
- on staff four West Virginia registered civil and mining engineers who will review, stamp, and sign all work and contract documents.
- available staff of civil and mining engineers, CADD operators, surveyors, geologists, and biologists with extensive experience in reclamation engineering, hydrology, and geology; and
- extensive experience in surface and underground coal mining, environmental, ecological principles, stream restoration and mitigation, and contract administration.


In summary, GAI will provide the most favorable terms as a result of:

- Exceptional qualifications/previous 20 years of in-state AML experience,
- Local, Charleston presence with excellent access to the project site and AML offices,
- Efficient and experienced personnel, and
- Competitive and favorable rates.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with WVDEP-AML.

Sincerely,
GAI Consultants, Inc.


Charles F. Straley, P.E.
Project Manager


C. Elwood Penn, IV, P.E.
Branch Manager

Enclosure