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Attention: Mr. Chuck Bowman, Buyer

**Re: Expression of Interest to Provide Architectural/Engineering Services for the
WVDEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands
RFQ No. DEP14381
Coaldale/Bramwell Hill Waterline Extension**

Dear Mr. Bowman:

Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) is pleased to present this Expression of Interest to provide the Planning, Design, and Inspection services for potable water distribution as a rehabilitation of and extension to the existing Bluewell PSD system in Mercer County. Baker has assembled a local team of experienced personnel who have performed numerous similar assignments throughout the state of West Virginia.

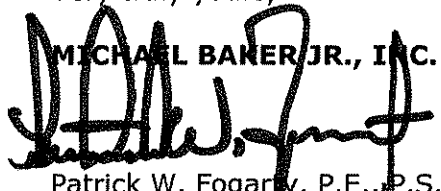
As you are aware, Baker is a global engineering and energy firm with some 5,000 members in 50 office locations. We propose to undertake this assignment from our Charleston office which employs over 40 individuals including engineers, architects, land planners, surveyors, environmental specialists, and technicians.

Baker can perform all necessary services from planning through construction administration, while providing efficient, timely, and personal service, which will ensure a high quality product while controlling cost for the WVDEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands.

We are extremely interested in providing the required services on the *Coaldale/Bramwell Hill Waterline Extension* project. **Let us put our experience and enthusiasm to work for you!** We look forward to meeting with your selection committee to personally present our approach to this project.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL BAKER JR., INC.


Patrick W. Fogarty, P.E., P.S.
Project Manager

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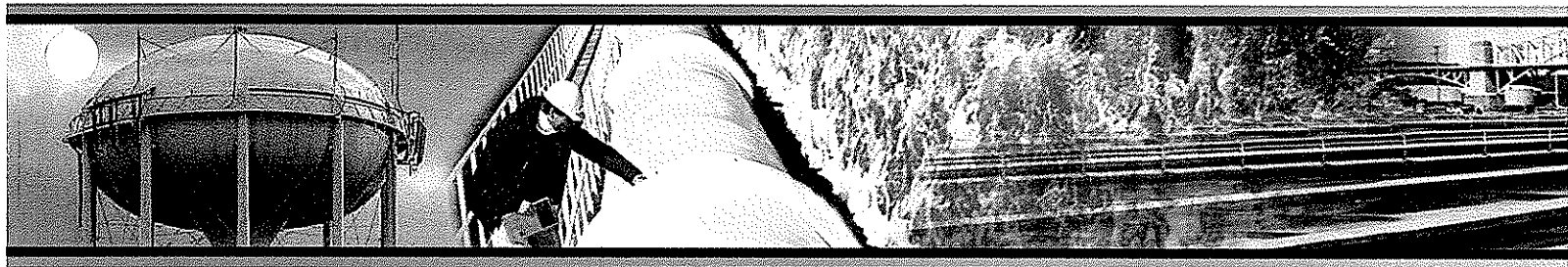


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Introduction

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation (DEP) is seeking a highly qualified firm experienced in design and construction administration for potable water distribution improvements.

Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) is a highly qualified firm with extensive experience in providing these services, and we are extremely interested in perpetuating our professional relationship with the DEP as evidenced by this positive response to your Request for Expressions of Interest.

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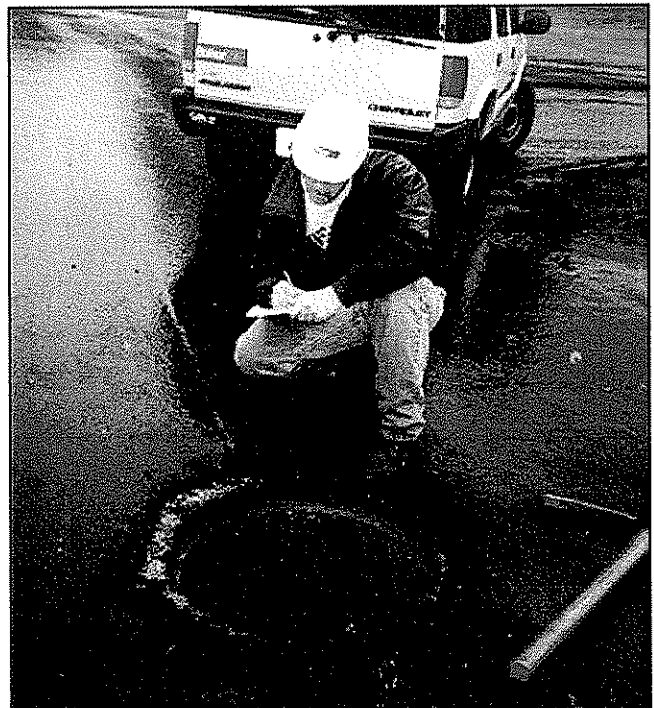
Corporate Capabilities

By consistently solving complex problems for its clients, Baker has grown from a small western Pennsylvania engineering firm to a diverse, global corporation with approximately 5,000 employees in 50 offices worldwide.

Baker's Charleston-based West Virginia office opened in 1954 and currently employs 42 people from the local area.

This office is committed to using innovative technologies that provide cost-effective solutions to our West Virginia clients in the areas of:

- Water/Wastewater Facilities
- Stormwater Systems Design and Permitting
- Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation
- Roadway and Bridge Planning and Design
- Surface Mine Engineering and Permitting
- Construction Inspection Services



- Cultural and Environmental Analysis and Documentation
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Surveying, and Remote Sensing
- NEPA Documentation and Compliance
- Global Positioning System (GPS) and Field Data Collection
- Database Development
- Computer/Web Programming
- Public Outreach

"Baker has evolved into one of the leading engineering and energy services firms by consistently providing targeted solutions for its clients most complex challenges."

Baker's Charleston office is a "single-stop resource" capable of providing comprehensive professional services, from environmental planning, final design, and construction management through operational support. From major new bridge and roadway designs to surface mine permitting and water resource projects,

Baker has evolved into one of the leading engineering and energy services firms by consistently providing targeted solutions for its clients most complex challenges.

Baker's clients for water resource projects include, but are not limited to, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), West Virginia Office of Emergency Services (OES), West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection as well as numerous municipal and private sector clients. Baker's geographic location and extensive experience enables us to quickly respond to wide-ranging scopes of service in order to meet client needs.

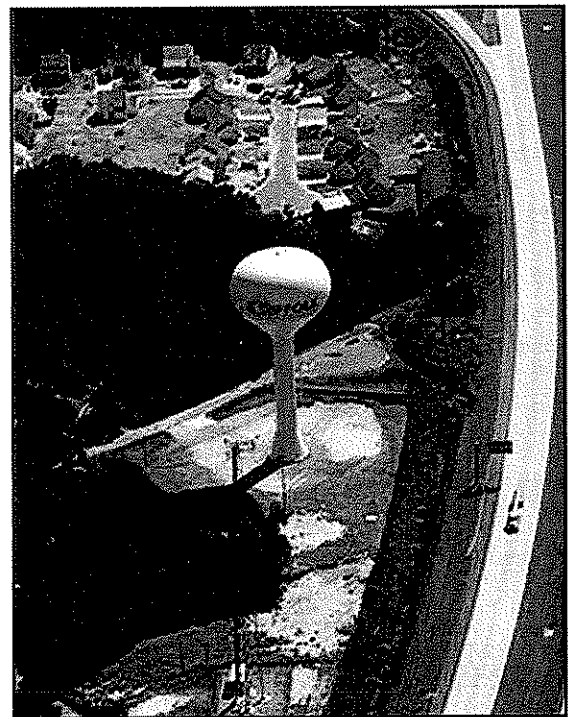


Qualifications

Baker routinely provides engineering services for the design of water, wastewater, and utility systems, and the associated construction oversight when required. Project assignments have included potable water treatment, storage, and distribution, waste-water collection and treatment as well as all aspects of utility relocations, including adjustments of water and sewer mains ranging in size from 4-inches to 48-inches, bridge crossings, overhead utility support structures, pump stations, private utilities, electrical duct banks, gas mains, fiber optic communication systems, and corrosion control analysis.

- Water Distribution Systems
- Water Treatment Facilities
- Water Storage Facilities
- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems
- Pump Station Design
- Private Utility Connections and Relocations
- Right of Way and Easements
- Construction Inspection Services

Baker's primary objective for this project is to provide quality, cost-effective bid documents; on-time, meeting all of the technical and operational requirements of the DEP and the Bluewell PSD. Baker's approach to all projects is focused on four key characteristics that we feel our team possesses, and which make us specially qualified to meet and exceed the DEP's expectations for this contract. They are: **Knowledge, Capacity, Responsiveness, and Flexibility.**



Experience has directed our project-specific teams to be structured with a core group of specialists leading the design efforts. Supporting this core group is a host of experienced engineers and technicians that provide us with the depth of staff to respond immediately to complex issues. Our capacity enables us to ensure that each project receives the attention it deserves.

Our knowledge, experience, and capacity allow us to meet schedule constraint challenges. Our approach allows us to identify problems early and adjust our work effort accordingly, to ensure project schedules are met. We will assertively

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coordinate with the DEP and the Bluewell PSD, affected owners, utility authorities, and permitting agencies to get them informed and involved with this project. This proactive and self-directed approach guarantees the DEP reliable and responsive service.

Baker's knowledge, capacity, and responsiveness allows for extreme flexibility when providing services for this project. We can provide a wide range of services to the DEP, including quality (peer) review of designed elements, engineering design, and bidding and construction phase services. Baker can provide (in-house) the following pertinent elements for this project:

- Extensive Knowledge of the Project Area
- Water storage facilities; Booster Pumping Stations as Required
- Hydraulic profile analysis
- Pipe and node analysis for static, residual and fire flow conditions.</

Technical Expertise

Baker can offer the DEP proven experience in the following Professional Services as normally required for projects of this type:

1. Plan and Specification Preparation

Baker has vast experience in the development of construction plans and technical specifications for all types of engineering projects. We have in-house expertise specific to water booster stations, water storage tanks, and water distribution systems.

Baker's integrated construction management services include individuals from the construction industry which were hired specifically to review and scrutinize construction plans and specifications for all types of engineering projects.

Due to the fact that it is desired to extend distribution facilities from existing infrastructure, an effective peer review program is an important requirement. Success is measured not only by timely completion, but most importantly by acknowledged quality. Baker proposes to target the following measurements of the quality of final bid documents:

- **Construction Economy:** Our design review will represent a highly cost-effective approach to construction and should present the respective bidders the opportunity to implement cost-saving measures.
- **Approvability:** Our design review will provide a bid set completed in accordance with accepted standards and methodologies, and drafted and organized so that the entire package can be quickly approved by reviewing agencies.

- **Constructability:** Our design review will result in plans and specifications that are easily understood not only by the client, but also by the prospective bidders. The final bidding and construction documents will reflect a product which is feasible to construct.

2. Construction Permit Acquisition

Baker routinely prepares permit applications for public and private clients. We have recently been involved in this process for local Public Service Districts. Typical permits which are normally required for this type of project include:

- The WV Department of Health and Human Resources Permit.
- WV Department of Environmental Protection, NPDES Permit
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jurisdictional Stream Activity Permit.
- WV DNR Public Land Corporation, Stream Activity Permit.
- WVDOT/Division of Highways, MM-109 Permit

Baker has established relationships with each of these agencies through work on similar projects.

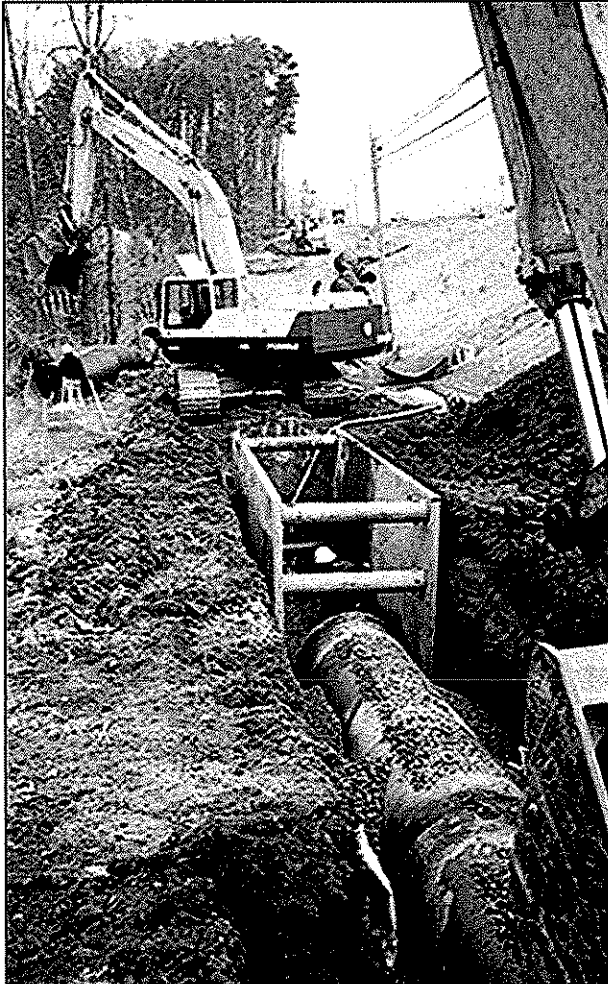
Once we have completed the design package, we will offer to prepare the permit applications and personally present our plans, specifications and reports to the various agencies.

We have found this technique to be very effective in streamlining the permit acquisition process and in fostering our relationships with the respective permit agencies.

Addenda (if required) will be prepared and promptly issued to the DEP no less than ten (10) days prior to the bid date.

Bids will be scrutinized by the Baker Project Manager. Likewise, detailed bid tabulations can be developed to allow the DEP to work with the Project Manager toward the development of Contract award.

4. Construction Administration and Inspection.



Baker is well equipped to provide the administration and inspection of these construction projects. Pre-Construction and regular job-site meetings, as well as shop drawing review, requests for information, pay requests and all other construction-related correspondence will be the responsibility of the Project Manager. Resident inspection services, if required, will be conducted by Baker technicians or staff engineers trained in construction practices and certified, as required, for the particular type of installation (i.e. concrete placement, compaction, process equipment, asphalt, trenching, etc.). Constant communication between field and office is essential and will be achieved via cellular telephone, internet access, and facsimile.

Management and Staffing Capabilities

Baker's Charleston office possesses a large and diverse engineering and environmental planning staff. Baker's team of experienced professionals has demonstrated the ability to deliver quality work products to our clients on-time and within budget.

Each individual on this team has extensive experience in their field of expertise and have demonstrated success on projects of similar size and scope. The following provides a brief discussion of each key team member's experience base relevant to this project. Full resumes are provided in the CCQQ (Attachment B).

Core Project Team (Baker Charleston Office)

Russell E. Hall, P.E., P.S., *Principal-In-Charge.* Mr. Hall is an experienced civil engineer who has been involved in numerous capital improvement projects in West Virginia for over 21 years. He spent the first 13 years of his career at the WVDOH and the last eight years in the consultant industry as an office manager. Throughout his career in both the public and private sectors his project management responsibilities have involved oversight and instruction of engineering and technical staff; coordination with the public and all appropriate federal, state, and local agencies; and client satisfaction and successful project delivery.

Patrick W. Fogarty, P.E., P.S., *Project Manager.* Mr. Fogarty joined Michael Baker Jr., Inc to service clients in the water and wastewater industry. Mr

project management, client management, surveying, construction inspection and field testing for numerous assignments with municipalities, private developers and water/sewer districts. Mr. Myers has particular expertise in preliminary and conceptual design and the development of funding packages for potable water and sanitary/storm sewer projects. Mr. Myers served as the General Manager of Lincoln Public Service District, Lincoln County, West Virginia where he successfully acquired funding from various sources toward the development of over \$5,000,000 of improvements and expansions for the potable water system in the county. Mr. Myers has a thorough understanding of regulatory and funding agency requirements as well as construction practices which will assure adherence to budget and schedule.

John P. See, P.E., P.S., Design Engineer. Mr. See is a Senior Civil Engineer with 43 years of experience in all phases of design and construction. His expertise includes all aspects of potable water, wastewater and storm water systems design. Mr. See will be responsible for the hydraulic modeling and analysis for the project.

Dana W. Moses, E.I., C.F.M. Water Resources/Mining Engineer. Mr. Moses has over 4 years of design, and operations experience in water resources systems analysis, hydrologic data collection and analysis, computer model development, watershed evaluation and runoff analysis, and sediment transport. Mr. Moses will assist in the preparation of the hydraulic model and be responsible for sediment and erosion control for the project.

James T. Burnette, S.E.T., Civil Associate. Mr. Burnette is an engineering technician with over 40 years experience. Mr. Burnette will be responsible for the plan and detail preparation, alignments, tax parcel mosaic and ownership index for the project. Mr. Burnette has provided design, and construction inspection

engineering assignments. Mr. Smithson will be responsible for the surveying and data collection, as well as the disposition of utility easements and right of way coordination for the project.

John W. Dawson, P.E., P.S., Construction Services Manager. Mr. Dawson has over 34 years of construction management experience. In his tenure at WVDOH, he has worked as a Construction Engineer, Maintenance Engineer, and District Engineer. In this capacity, Mr. Dawson has been responsible for construction management and inspection of WVDOH projects as well as numerous utility construction contracts throughout the state. Mr. Dawson manages all of Bakers Construction Management and Inspection contracts in West Virginia.

Peer Review Team (Baker Virginia Beach Office)

Beth A. Drylie, P.E., Civil Engineer. Ms. Drylie is a Senior Civil Engineer with 19 years of experience. Her expertise includes all aspects of water, wastewater and drainage analysis design. In addition, she has experience in facilities (wastewater pump stations, raw water booster stations, administrative/field offices) project management and construction. Prior to joining Baker, Ms. Drylie was employed by the Norfolk Department of Utilities where she was responsible for the planning, project management, construction administration and financial projections of the Department's Capital Improvements Plan projects. She has been responsible for the design and project management of more than 200 miles of water and wastewater mains ranging in size from 6-inch to 54-inch.

Charles Votava, IV, P.E., Civil Engineer. Mr. Votava is a civil engineering project manager with over 1

environmental compliance assessment and risk analysis; and hazardous waste analysis and remediation.

Joe Ussery, III, P.E., Civil Engineer I. Joe Ussery has experience in design, permitting, public bidding, and construction administration of pipelines, storage tanks, and pump stations. Joe's current responsibilities include preparation of preliminary engineering reports, plans, specifications, permit application packages, and cost estimates for projects involving the design of pipelines, pump stations, and other civil engineering projects.

Gary L. Heisler, P.E., Civil Engineer. Mr. Heisler is a registered professional engineer with 15 years experience in project management, design and construction administration of municipal water and wastewater systems, including three years of field experience overseeing these types of projects. Mr. Heisler has served as project manager/project engineer on over four dozen water transmission and distribution system projects totaling over 150 miles of water mains, ranging from 6-inches to 48-inches in diameter. He also has served as project manager and project engineer on more than 30 sewer system rehabilitation and replacement projects, I/I studies, and sewer evaluation surveys totaling over 100 miles of sanitary sewer mains.

Project Approach

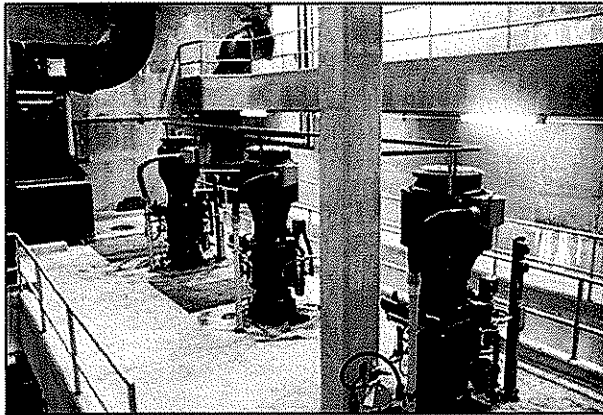
Project Understanding

We have carefully reviewed your request for statements of qualifications. It is our understanding that the project would extend the main line from the existing Bluewell PSD system to the project area, including approximately 2,670 LF of 8-inch DIP and 21,420 LF of 8-inch PVC. Additionally, approximately 10,065 LF of 6-inch or 2-inch PVC are to be installed to serve residents within the project area. Other facilities include, 1 booster station, 1 water storage tank (approximately 75,000 gallon capacity), 58 service connections, meter assemblies, fire hydrants and miscellaneous valves and fittings. Based on our knowledge of the project to this point, we see the following as key tasks,

1. Determine pipe size, type, location and pressure at tie-in with the Bluewell PSD system,
2. Analyze existing system back to nearest storage reservoir for pressure drop and pump cavitation potential,
3. Provide mapping for the project area to identify customers and establish line and grade,
4. Prepare design hydraulic calculations and analyze static and fire flow conditions,
5. Based on these nodal calculations, evaluate site criteria for booster station and water storage tank,
6. Provide right-of-way maps and property plats as required,
7. Prepare plans, specifications and calculations brief,
8. Obtain construction permits (if required),
9. Assist with Bluewell PSD approval,
10. Provide bidding services and evaluation of bids submitted (if required),
11. Provide construction inspection and administration (if required),
12. Prepare record drawings (if required)</

Related Prior Experience

The following Project Descriptions illustrate Baker's related prior experience. We have included examples of sanitary engineering assignments from various locations regionally and nationally. While we propose to conduct all activities from our West Virginia operation, these diverse project locations are meant to emphasize our *One Baker* philosophy. Which simply means that the DEP will have access to the expertise and resources across the entire company should the need arise.



Water Line Extension/Turkey Run

McDowell County Public Service District, Welch, West Virginia

Baker performed preliminary design and final plans, specifications, and construction quantity estimates for this water system, which is located in a rural area with rugged terrain.

This project called for a 5-mile extension of an existing water system: 15,000 l.f. of 8-inch PVC pipe; 4,700 l.f. of 6 inch PVC pipe; and 6,500 l.f. of 2 inch PE spur lines in several separate locations. Additional project features include:

- Evaluation of the existing system condition and capacity using KYPIPE.
- Replacement of inadequate 4-inch pipe.
- Designs for railroad crossings.
- Sizing/selection of booster pump stations and storage facilities.
- Provisions for fire hydrants with 500 gpm flow, where practical.
- Design in accordance with WV Bureau of Public Health and 10-State Standards for water system design.
- Aerial photography and the development of plans, profiles, specifications, and cost estimates.
- Test drilling for water tank sites, and tank foundation design.

Baker worked closely with McDowell County Public Service District to apply for and obtain Public Service Commission approval of the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate.

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Page-Kincaid Waterline Design

Fayette County, West Virginia

Baker performed preliminary design and final plans, specifications, and construction quantity estimates for a 10-mile extension of this water system. The extension included 6-inch PVC water lines and some 2-inch PE spur lines in several separate locations. The project, located in a rural area with very rugged terrain, included the following:

Evaluation of the existing and proposed system using KYPIPE.

- Sizing/Selection of booster pump stations and storage facilities.
- Provisions for the fire hydrants with 500 gpm flow, where practical
- Design in accordance with WV Bureau of Public Health and 10-State Standards for water system design.
- Aerial photography and the development of plans, profiles, specifications, and cost estimates.
- Test drilling for water tank sites, and tank foundation design.

Baker worked closely with Page-Kincaid Public Service District to apply for and obtain Public Service Commission approval for the final plans, specifications, and cost estimates.

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Office of Abandoned Mine Lands
and Reclamation
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Professional Engineering and Surveying Services - Water Distribution Projects

Fairfax, Virginia

Baker provided professional engineering and surveying services in conjunction with the planning, design, and construction of six water distribution projects in the Fairfax Water's service area. The scope included three water main replacement projects and three system gap closure projects totaling approximately 6,800 LF of 6" - 12" water main, including two trenchless crossings, two pressure-reducing valve vaults, and associated appurtenances.

Biscayne Drive Water Main Replacement - The project included installation of approximately 1,200 LF of 8-inch DIP and HDPE water mains along Biscayne Drive, between Huntington Avenue and the southern terminus of Biscayne Drive, including distribution system interconnections and the installation of two pressure-reducing valve (PRV) vaults. Baker's responsibilities included preparation of topographic surveys, plan and profile drawings, VDOT permits, cost estimates, easement plats, and conducting soil borings and test pits. Scope of services also included construction-phase services limited to attendance at pre-construction meeting, shop drawing review, and clarification responses.

Franklin Road Water Main Replacement - The project included installation of approximately 1,750 LF of 6-inch DIP water mains along Franklin Road, between Herbert Street and Gallows Road. Baker's responsibilities included preparation of topographic surveys, plan and profile drawings, VDOT permits, cost estimates, easement plats, and conducting soil borings and test pits. Scope of services also included construction phase services limited to attendance at pre-construction meeting, shop drawing review, and clarification responses.

To power the 300 horsepower pump motors, a new transformer, switchgear, and motor control center was designed and integrated into the existing pump station. Modifications to the SCADA system were designed so that the new pumps could be controlled from the plant's master control center and the water level in the Fox Chapel system tank monitored.

Concurrent with the pump station design, plans and specifications were prepared for the waterline contract that contained 7,000 linear feet of 16 inch diameter ductile iron pipe. A portion of the route was bored under and installed within a busy Conrail right-of-way. The route passed through three communities and tied into the existing Fox Chapel system via a new meter vault constructed at Rockwood Drive. The route was designed to minimize impact to a public park and residential properties in Fox Chapel.

Baker was pleased to be selected for this successful project that enabled PWSA to expand its water distribution system and customer base.

References

Each of the Project Profiles found herein lists Baker's client and contact information for your use as a reference. Additionally, we offer the following diverse list of past or current clients and contact information:

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Mr. Alfred Abshire, Board Member
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- Habitat for Humanity
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- Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority - Yeager Airport
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