



**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.



BURGESS & NIPLE

Mr. Frank Whittaker, Senior Buyer
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Re: WV Division of Public Transit
Tri River Transit Authority
Administrative Office and Maintenance Facility
PTR #09002 - Expression of Interest

August 6, 2008

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

Burgess & Niple, Inc.

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Benefiting from past experience is crucial when selecting an architectural and engineering consultant... for it is this experience that is the best predictor of future success. You might also ponder what the firms would be like to work with and who would really be doing the work. Assigning a value to existing relationships is often difficult, however, in the end the worth of an architectural and engineering consultant is responsibly demonstrated by the number of quality construction projects completed and the individuals behind the project. The West Virginia Division of Public Transit (WVDPT) knows Burgess & Niple (B&N) well because of our past experience in designing numerous transit facilities in West Virginia. They are familiar with our key personnel and know what it is like to work with them throughout design and construction. The folks discussed herein are the professionals that will be doing the work!

Selecting B&N allows the WVDPT to take advantage of approximately \$9 million in past transit facility design and construction experience. In 1996 we were selected to design three transit facilities in Summersville, Petersburg, and Martinsburg. These were engineered metal buildings that incorporated administrative office space adjacent to bus maintenance and storage space. In 2000, we were again selected to provide professional architecture and engineering services on two complex building renovation projects. Despite the challenging nature of dealing with concealed histories of aging structures, the Clarksburg project has become a focal point of downtown Clarksburg and has been well received by our clients and town officials alike. The Fairmont-Marion County Bus Maintenance Facility Renovation has been recently completed with a ribbon cutting in July 2008. When you think of benefiting from past experience, B&N is uniquely qualified to provide the professional services for the Tri River Transit Administrative Office and Maintenance Facility.

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The vast majority of the design of the pre-engineered metal and brick construction administrative office and maintenance facility will be performed in our Parkersburg and Cincinnati offices. By working with Jay Williams in Parkersburg and Vic Camm in Cincinnati through design and construction, the WVDPT can expect an efficient, cost-effective project uncomplicated by new faces. We know what is needed structurally, mechanically, and electrically to accommodate a 14,000-square foot office facility. This type of knowledge will bring the WVDPT a level of familiarity with its consultant that is second to none. In turn, we too are familiar with WVDPT staff, its expectations, the DBE requirements, and certain aspects of the FTA grant program that affect our work. As leaders of the project team, we are your advocates during design and construction, striving to meet all objectives and goals the first time, and when necessary, tirelessly working until the best possible compromise is realized. Our project team for this project is absolutely dedicated to the WVDPT and Tri River Transit Authority.

We have been providing services to the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) for more than 25 years. For this project, **Novel Geo-Environmental, PLLC** and **Pedersen & Pedersen, Inc.** will be joining our project team to provide surveying and geo-technical services for the office facility. They are **certified WVDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms**. Pedersen & Pedersen, Inc. previously performed the surveying work for the bus maintenance facility renovation for the Mountain Line Transit Authority. They provide quality services, are familiar with the WVDPT's requirements, and have worked with us since the Morgantown project when DBE participation was not required. Bid Form #1 is enclosed indicating their commitment to this project.

B&N stands ready to put our past experience with the design of the Tri River Transit office facility to work for you. From conceptual design through to construction of the office facility, the benefit of past experience is an accurate, efficient, and cost-effective project!

Sincerely,



Jay Williams
Project Architect



Rodney D. Holbert, PE
District Director

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