



State of West Virginia  
 Department of Administration  
 Purchasing Division  
 2019 Washington Street East  
 Post Office Box 50130  
 Charleston, WV 25305-0130

# Request for Quotation

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**DEP15820**

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<p><b>PAYMENT FOR CLAIM DETERMINATION SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>REQUEST FOR QUOTATION</b></p> <p>THE WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION, ON BEHALF OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S OFFICE OF EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING, IS SOLICITING BIDS FROM QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE, ADMINISTER, AND MANAGE A CLAIMS ADJUSTER SERVICE PROGRAM FOR BLASTING CLAIMS IN RELATION TO ALLEGED DAMAGE TO TO PROPERTY FROM SURFACE MINE BLASTING ACTIVITIES, PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS, BID REQUIREMENTS, SCOPE OF WORK, AND TERMS &amp; CONDITIONS.</p> <p>THE AWARD WILL BE BASED ON THE LOWEST DOLLAR TOTAL FOR THE COMBINED HOURLY RATE OF THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR &amp; THE ADJUSTER AS DESCRIBED HEREIN. PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED BID SCHEDULE.</p> <p>EXHIBIT 3</p> <p>LIFE OF CONTRACT: THIS CONTRACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON UPON AWARD..... AND EXTENDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR OR UNTIL SUCH "REASONABLE TIME" THEREAFTER AS IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A NEW CONTRACT OR RENEW THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT. THE "REASONABLE TIME" PERIOD SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) MONTHS. DURING THIS "REASONABLE TIME" THE VENDOR MAY TERMINATE THIS CONTRACT FOR ANY REASON UPON GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING 30 DAYS</p>						

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TITLE: **MANAGER**      FEIN: 48-1281957      ADDRESS CHANGES TO BE NOTED ABOVE

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## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1. Awards will be made in the best interest of the State of West Virginia.
2. The State may accept or reject in part, or in whole, any bid.
3. Prior to any award, the apparent successful vendor must be properly registered with the Purchasing Division and have paid the required \$125 fee.
4. All services performed or goods delivered under State Purchase Order/Contracts are to be continued for the term of the Purchase Order/Contracts, contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise being made available. In the event funds are not appropriated or otherwise available for these services or goods this Purchase Order/Contract becomes void and of no effect after June 30.
5. Payment may only be made after the delivery and acceptance of goods or services.
6. Interest may be paid for late payment in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
7. Vendor preference will be granted upon written request in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*.
8. The State of West Virginia is exempt from federal and state taxes and will not pay or reimburse such taxes.
9. The Director of Purchasing may cancel any Purchase Order/Contract upon 30 days written notice to the seller.
10. The laws of the State of West Virginia and the *Legislative Rules* of the Purchasing Division shall govern the purchasing process.
11. Any reference to automatic renewal is hereby deleted. The Contract may be renewed only upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
12. **BANKRUPTCY:** In the event the vendor/contractor files for bankruptcy protection, the State may deem this contract null and void, and terminate such contract without further order.
13. **HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM:** The West Virginia State Government HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (BAA), approved by the Attorney General, is available online at [www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.html](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/vrc/hipaa.html) and is hereby made part of the agreement provided that the Agency meets the definition of a Cover Entity (45 CFR §160.103) and will be disclosing Protected Health Information (45 CFR §160.103) to the vendor.
14. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The vendor agrees that he or she will not disclose to anyone, directly or indirectly, any such personally identifiable information or other confidential information gained from the agency, unless the individual who is the subject of the information consents to the disclosure in writing or the disclosure is made pursuant to the agency's policies, procedures, and rules. Vendor further agrees to comply with the Confidentiality Policies and Information Security Accountability Requirements, set forth in <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/privacy/noticeConfidentiality.pdf>.
15. **LICENSING:** Vendors must be licensed and in good standing in accordance with any and all state and local laws and requirements by any state or local agency of West Virginia, including, but not limited to, the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, the West Virginia Tax Department, and the West Virginia Insurance Commission. The vendor must provide all necessary releases to obtain information to enable the director or spending unit to verify that the vendor is licensed and in good standing with the above entities.
16. **ANTITRUST:** In submitting a bid to any agency for the State of West Virginia, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the State of West Virginia all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of West Virginia for price fixing and/or unreasonable restraints of trade relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of West Virginia. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders the initial payment to the bidder.

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, or person or entity submitting a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or Fraud. I further certify that I am authorized to sign the certification on behalf of the bidder or this bid.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Use the quotation forms provided by the Purchasing Division. Complete all sections of the quotation form.
2. Items offered must be in compliance with the specifications. Any deviation from the specifications must be clearly indicated by the bidder. Alternates offered by the bidder as **EQUAL** to the specifications must be clearly defined. A bidder offering an alternate should attach complete specifications and literature to the bid. The Purchasing Division may waive minor deviations to specifications.
3. Unit prices shall prevail in case of discrepancy. All quotations are considered F.O.B. destination unless alternate shipping terms are clearly identified in the quotation.
4. All quotations must be delivered by the bidder to the office listed below prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Failure of the bidder to deliver the quotations on time will result in bid disqualifications: Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, 2019 Washington Street East, P.O. Box 50130, Charleston, WV 25305-0130.
5. Communication during the solicitation, bid, evaluation or award periods, except through the Purchasing Division, is strictly prohibited (W.Va. C.S.R. §148-1-6.6).



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<p>WRITTEN NOTICE.</p> <p>UNLESS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ARE STIPULATED ELSEWHERE IN THIS CONTRACT DOCUMENT BY THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, ITS AGENCIES, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND PRICING SET FORTH HEREIN ARE FIRM FOR THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT.</p> <p>RENEWAL: THIS CONTRACT MAY BE RENEWED UPON THE MUTUAL WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SPENDING UNIT AND VENDOR, SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE. SUCH RENEWAL SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR PERIODS.</p> <p>CANCELLATION: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE VENDOR IF THE COMMODITIES AND/OR SERVICES SUPPLIED ARE OF AN INFERIOR QUALITY OR DO NOT CONFORM TO THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BID AND CONTRACT HEREIN.</p> <p>OPEN MARKET CLAUSE: THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING MAY AUTHORIZE A SPENDING UNIT TO PURCHASE ON THE OPEN MARKET, WITHOUT THE FILING OF A REQUISITION OR COST ESTIMATE, ITEMS SPECIFIED ON THIS CONTRACT FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY IN EMERGENCIES DUE TO UNFORESEEN CAUSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DELAYS IN TRANSPORTATION OR AN UNANTICIPATED INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF WORK.)</p> <p>QUANTITIES: QUANTITIES LISTED IN THE REQUISITION ARE APPROXIMATIONS ONLY, BASED ON ESTIMATES SUPPLIED BY THE STATE SPENDING UNIT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE CONTRACT SHALL COVER THE QUANTITIES ACTUALLY</p>						

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<p>ORDERED FOR DELIVERY DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, WHETHER MORE OR LESS THAN THE QUANTITIES SHOWN.</p> <p>BANKRUPTCY: IN THE EVENT THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE STATE MAY DEEM THE CONTRACT NULL AND VOID, AND TERMINATE SUCH CONTRACT WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER.</p> <p>THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT SHALL SUPERSEDE ANY AND ALL SUBSEQUENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH MAY APPEAR ON ANY ATTACHED PRINTED DOCUMENTS SUCH AS PRICE LISTS, ORDER FORMS, SALES AGREEMENTS OR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY ELECTRONIC MEDIUM SUCH AS CD-ROM.</p> <p>REV. 01/17/2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE</p> <p>AN ORIGINAL, SIGNED BID MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION          PURCHASING DIVISION          BUILDING 15          2019 WASHINGTON STREET, EAST          CHARLESTON, WV 25305-0130</p> <p>BID MUST CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF THE ENVELOPE OR THE BID MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED:</p> <p>SEALED BID</p> <p>BUYER:      GN-23</p> <p>RFQ. NO.:      DEP15820</p>						

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PLEASE PROVIDE A FAX NUMBER IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTACT YOU REGARDING YOUR BID:						
				<b>(304) 637-2352</b>		
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CONTACT PERSON (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):						
				<b>Maggie Bennett</b>		
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ANY INDIVIDUAL SIGNING THIS BID IS CERTIFYING THAT: (1) HE OR SHE IS AUTHORIZED BY THE BIDDER TO EXECUTE THE BID OR ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDER, (2) THAT HE OR SHE IS AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE BIDDER IN A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP, AND (3) THAT THE BIDDER HAS PROPERLY REGISTERED WITH ANY STATE AGENCIES THAT MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION.						
***** THIS IS THE END OF RFQ    DEP15820 ***** TOTAL:						<b>\$ 36,500</b>

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## Request for Quotation

For DEP 15820

Claims Administrator

### **BACKGROUND**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection is releasing this request for quotation (RFQ) for a Claims Administrator to determine the merit of, and monetary compensation due from, alleged damage to property resulting from surface coal mine blasting activities.

The Office of Explosives and Blasting (OEB) is charged by legislative rule Title 199, Series 1 (199CSR1), to establish a claims and arbitration process that provides property owners with reduced cost resolution to alleged blast-related damage.

Section 5.3 of 199CSR1 specifically outlines the claims process and provides that the Claims Administrator will make the determination on the merit of the claim and value of any loss. The Office of Explosives and Blasting plays no role in the determination made by the Claims Administrator. The decision of the Claims Administrator may be taken to binding arbitration.

Although the Claims Administrator shall conduct an independent determination of the merit of damage, DEP will make the final determination on the merit of the claim.

### **AWARD**

Up to three vendors may be awarded a contract.

Vendors must provide resumes for verification of qualifications with their bid.

### **WORK DIRECTIVES**

Work will be distributed to those vendors based on the following successive qualifications:

1. The vendor is the lowest bidder of those meeting the following requirements.
2. The vendor must not have a conflict of interest concerning the party alleging damage or the permittee.
3. The vendor must have the ability to physically visit the site of the alleged blasting damage within 4 business days of assignment by OEB.

If the lowest bidder cannot meet the above requirements, then the next lowest bidder will be contacted.

### **CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR INFORMATION (Successful Bidders)**

The Claims Administrator is solely responsible for all work performed under this contract and shall assume prime contractor responsibility for all services offered under the terms of this contract. The agency will consider the Claims Administrator to be the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters. The Claims Administrator may enter into written subcontracts for performance of work under the contract. However, the Claims Administrator is totally responsible for payment of all subcontractors. All invoices for payment must be submitted in the name of the Claims Administrator.

The Claims Administrator shall be responsible for insuring their staff, and all contractual work conducted shall use proven scientifically accepted industry guidelines to evaluate blasting damage claims. All findings must be based on the following:

- Sound, scientific principals established by proven leaders in their field and peer-reviewed by others.
- Research published in scientific journals, text books, or in proceedings.
- Evidence, testing, or observations which are reproducible and can be defended by any other expert.

All information collected during the initial merit investigation by OEB will be made available to the Claims Administrator upon notification of a claim.

All materials and information collected, compiled, and used for claims processing by the Claims Administrator will be considered the property of the State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Explosives and Blasting and must be made available and/or returned to the State upon request at no cost to the agency. All records are considered confidential.

The Claims Administrator will be the approving authority of a claim, and will be required to comply with conflict of interest requirements.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Vendor shall covenant that it, its officers or members or employees presently have no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect which would conflict or compromise in any matter or degree with the performance or its services hereunder. The Vendor further covenants that in the performance of the Contract, the Vendor shall periodically inquire of its officers, members and employees concerning such interests. Any such interests discovered shall be promptly presented in detail to Office of Explosives and Blasting.

As examples, the Claims Administrator shall not be engaged, either presently or in the past, in preparation and submittal of pre-blast surveys, or other investigations dealing with either party in the claim. The Claims Administrator shall not be engaged, either presently or in the past, in contractual interests in construction industry dealing with either party of the claim.

It is understood there is a high potential for a conflict of interest to exist with those who are qualified to meet these bid qualifications. Those possessing the skills and knowledge to perform the work required in this contract will also be working with the coal or blasting industry and or individuals affected by these industries. OEB will consider a conflict of interest to exist if the following has existed (or does exist) between the vendor and either party in the alleged claim.

Claimant and Vendor: If either of these situations existed, or exists, then OEB will consider the vendor to have a conflict of interest with the claimant.

- (1) If the vendor has prepared a pre-blast survey for the structure allegedly damaged, or
- (2) If the vendor has investigated alleged damage at the structure for any entity other than OEB.

Permittee and Vendor: If either of these situations existed, or exists, then OEB will consider the vendor to have a conflict of interest with the permittee.

- (1) If the vendor has performed pre-blast or pre-subsidence surveys for the permittee at the permit (or mining complex) which allegedly caused the blasting damage, or
- (2) If the vendor investigated damage claims associated with the permit (or mining complex) for any entity other than OEB.

### **DUITES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Claims Administrator shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Assess if damage is related to blasting or the result of non-blasting causes.
2. If damage is found to be related to blasting, retain an independent adjuster to place a value on the loss.
3. For each damage claim, the Administrator shall comply with:



- WV Code, Section 22-3A-5
  - Title 199, Series 1, Section 5 of the West Virginia legislative rule as amended by the West Virginia Legislature April 10, 2008.
4. Use reasonable care to evaluate blast damage claims based on acceptable industry practices.
  5. Complete a final claim report that indicates if the alleged damage is blasting related and the basis for those findings. For blast-related damage, provide repair or replacement cost for the damage.
  6. Provide three (3) copies of the final claim report to OEB within thirty (30) days of claims administrator's receipt of claim (requests for extension(s) must be made in writing (e-mail) no later than twenty (20) days after claims administrator's receipt of claim).
  7. Eliminate any duplication of costs associated with investigation of multiple damage claims in the same geographical area.
  8. Provide monthly itemized invoice to the OEB.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Claims Administrator must have a minimum of five (5) years experience investigating blast-related structural damage and **must provide resumes for verification of qualifications at the time of bid.**
2. The Claims Administrator is responsible for selecting and assigning a licensed Adjuster, whose qualifications include a minimum of five (5) years' experience in adjusting structural and cosmetic damage to real estate property.
3. The Claims Administrator will possess a thorough knowledge or studies and research of blasting damage to structures as published in peer-reviewed literature that presents state-of-the art on the subject. A list of publications with which the Administrator must be familiar is given in Attachment A.
4. The Claims Administrator shall have a working knowledge of construction practices and building codes sufficient to distinguish alleged blast damage from other, non-blasting causes of cracking and/or other naturally-occurring defects in structures.
5. Demonstrate the ability to meet all qualifications necessary to administer the claims resolution process in the bid package.

## Attachment A

Siskind, D.E., Stagg, M.S., Kopp, J.W., and Dowding, C.H., 1980, "Structure Response and Damage Produced by Ground Vibrations from Surface Blasting" U.S. Bureau of Mines, Report of Investigation 8507

Siskind, D.E., Stachura, V.J., Stagg, M.S., and Kopp, J.W., 1980, "Structure Response and Damage Produced by Airblast from Surface Blasting U.S. Bureau of Mines, Report of Investigations 8485

Stagg, M.S., Siskind, D.E., Stevens, M.G., and Dowding, C.H., 1984, "Effects of Repeated Blasting on a Wood-Frame House", U.S. Bureau of Mines, Report of Investigations 8896

Siskind, D.E., 2000, *Vibrations from Blasting*, International Society of Explosives Engineers, Cleveland, OH

Dowding, C.H., 1985, *Blasting Vibration Monitoring and Control*, Prentice-Hall

Oriard, L.L., 1999, *The Effects of Vibrations and Environmental Forces, A guide for the Investigations of Structures*, International Society of Explosives Engineers

Oriard, L.L., 2002, *Explosives Engineering, Construction Vibrations and Geotechnology*, International Society of Explosives Engineers, Cleveland, OH

American Insurance Association, 1990 *Blasting Damage and other Structural Cracking, a Guide for Adjusters and Engineers*, Property Claims Services, and Engineering and Safety Service of American Insurance Services Group, New York

*The Blaster's Handbook*, 1998, International Society of Explosives Engineers, Cleveland, OH

EXHIBIT 10

REQUISITION NO.: .....

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING CHECKED  
ADDENDUM(S) AND HAVE MADE THE NECESSARY REVISIONS TO MY  
PROPOSAL, PLANS AND/OR SPECIFICATION, ETC.

ADDENDUM NO.'S:

NO. 1 .....

NO. 2 .....

NO. 3 .....

NO. 4 .....

NO. 5 .....

N/A

I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO CONFIRM THE RECEIPT OF THE  
ADDENDUM(S) MAY BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF BIDS. VENDOR  
MUST CLEARLY 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.

  
SIGNATURE

COMPANY

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## Bid Sheet

Vendors Name: Construction Inspection Associates, LLC

The DEP reserves the right to request additional information and supporting documentation regarding unit prices when the unit price appears to be unreasonable.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1.0	100	Claims Administrator	Hr	50.00	\$ 5,000
2.0	450	Claims Adjustor	Hr	70.00	\$31,500
		Total bid for Administrator/Adjustor			\$36,500

SIGNATURE


DATE 4/12/12

# State of West Virginia **VENDOR PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE**

Certification and application\* is hereby made for Preference in accordance with *West Virginia Code*, §5A-3-37. (Does not apply to construction contracts). *West Virginia Code*, §5A-3-37, provides an opportunity for qualifying vendors to request (at the time of bid) preference for their residency status. Such preference is an evaluation method only and will be applied only to the cost bid in accordance with the *West Virginia Code*. This certificate for application is to be used to request such preference. The Purchasing Division will make the determination of the Resident Vendor Preference, if applicable.

1. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor and has resided continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or,**  
 Bidder is a partnership, association or corporation resident vendor and has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or** 80% of the ownership interest of Bidder is held by another individual, partnership, association or corporation resident vendor who has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business continuously in West Virginia for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or,**  
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor which has an affiliate or subsidiary which employs a minimum of one hundred state residents and which has maintained its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia continuously for the four (4) years immediately preceding the date of this certification; **or,**
2. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a resident vendor who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees working on the project being bid are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or,**
3. **Application is made for 2.5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a nonresident vendor employing a minimum of one hundred state residents or is a nonresident vendor with an affiliate or subsidiary which maintains its headquarters or principal place of business within West Virginia employing a minimum of one hundred state residents who certifies that, during the life of the contract, on average at least 75% of the employees or Bidder's affiliate's or subsidiary's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two years immediately preceding submission of this bid; **or,**
4. **Application is made for 5% resident vendor preference for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder meets either the requirement of both subdivisions (1) and (2) or subdivision (1) and (3) as stated above; **or,**
5. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is an individual resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard and has resided in West Virginia continuously for the four years immediately preceding the date on which the bid is submitted; **or,**
6. **Application is made for 3.5% resident vendor preference who is a veteran for the reason checked:**  
 Bidder is a resident vendor who is a veteran of the United States armed forces, the reserves or the National Guard, if, for purposes of producing or distributing the commodities or completing the project which is the subject of the vendor's bid and continuously over the entire term of the project, on average at least seventy-five percent of the vendor's employees are residents of West Virginia who have resided in the state continuously for the two immediately preceding years.

Bidder understands if the Secretary of Revenue determines that a Bidder receiving preference has failed to continue to meet the requirements for such preference, the Secretary may order the Director of Purchasing to: (a) reject the bid; or (b) assess a penalty against such Bidder in an amount not to exceed 5% of the bid amount and that such penalty will be paid to the contracting agency or deducted from any unpaid balance on the contract or purchase order.

By submission of this certificate, Bidder agrees to disclose any reasonably requested information to the Purchasing Division and authorizes the Department of Revenue to disclose to the Director of Purchasing appropriate information verifying that Bidder has paid the required business taxes, provided that such information does not contain the amounts of taxes paid nor any other information deemed by the Tax Commissioner to be confidential.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (*West Virginia Code*, §61-5-3), Bidder hereby certifies that this certificate is true and accurate in all respects; and that if a contract is issued to Bidder and if anything contained within this certificate changes during the term of the contract, Bidder will notify the Purchasing Division in writing immediately.

Bidder: Construction Inspection Associates, LLC      Signed: [Signature]  
Date: 4/12/12      Title: Manager

\*Check any combination of preference consideration(s) indicated above, which you are entitled to receive.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
Purchasing Division

**PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT**

**West Virginia Code §5A-3-10a states:** 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 the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate.

**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.

"Debtor" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association owing a debt to the state or any of its political subdivisions. "Political subdivision" means any county commission; municipality; county board of education; any instrumentality established by a county or municipality; any separate corporation or instrumentality established by one or more counties or municipalities, as permitted by law; or any public body charged by law with the performance of a government function or whose jurisdiction is coextensive with one or more counties or municipalities. "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 exceed five percent of the total contract amount.

**EXCEPTION:** The prohibition of this section does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of this 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.

Under penalty of law for false swearing (*West Virginia Code* §61-5-3), it is hereby certified that the vendor affirms and acknowledges the information in this affidavit and is in compliance with the requirements as stated.

**WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE**

Vendor's Name: Construction Inspection Associates, LLC

Authorized Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/12/12

State of WV

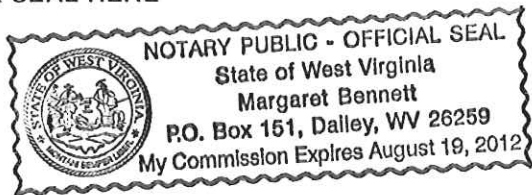
County of Randolph, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

My Commission expires Aug. 19, 2012

**AFFIX SEAL HERE**

NOTARY PUBLIC Margaret Bennett



# *Curriculum Vitae*

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## *Degree Education*

Davis & Elkins College – Elkins, WV  
BS Environmental Science  
    Emphasis in Biology  
BS Pre-Medical in Chemist

## *Honors & Awards*

**Sophomore Class Rank Award, D&E College**  
Given to the student with the highest grade rank of their class.

**Robert E Urban Award, D&E College**  
Given for academic achievement in Biology

**Biology & Environmental Science departmental award, D&E College**  
Given for academic achievement in the environmental science department.

**National Science Foundation STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholarship, D&E College**  
Awarded to students demonstrating dedication to science and academic achievements.

West Virginia Independent Colleges & Universities Circle of Vision Scholarship, D&E College  
Awarded to students demonstrating academic promise.

Other Scholarships include: Robert C. Byrd scholarship, Meir Foundation Scholarship, Freeman J Daniels Award, Deans list every semester, and WV STEM.

D & E Honors Program award four years in a row.

### *Teaching-Related Experience*

Chemistry Department Lab Manager

Davis & Elkins College

Part-Time

My duties include assisting the professor in teaching all chemistry labs. When the professor was not available, I taught the chemistry labs as needed. Prepare all solutions, chemicals, and lab wear for a successful lab. Determine appropriate labs to meet the curriculum goal. Assist in finding appropriate lab program for the semester when new classes are created. Write new labs when necessary.

### *Employment History*

2009 - Present      Davis & Elkins College      Elkins, WV

**Chemistry lab manager** - Oversee operations of all chemistry labs, inventory and processing of several thousand chemicals, assisting in labs, occasionally teach labs, and create new labs to meet "green" chemistry standards.

2002 - Present      Construction Inspection Associates, LLC      Elkins, WV

**Blast Claims Administrator for State of West Virginia.** Provide an unbiased assessment on the merit of blast damage claims within the state of WV. Jobs include evaluating damages to structures to determine causation of damages, identify origin of damages to structures (such as blasting), reading reports, writing final determination letters, delegating responsibilities and writing bids.



Summer 2010 US Forest Service Elkins, WV

**Botany Technician** - Seasonal Temporary employee

Botany clearance work, RTE plant surveys, botanical census work in a variety of habitats from high elevation wetlands to shale barrens, and identification of all T&E species on the Monongahela National Forest.

Summer 2009 US Forest Service Elkins, WV

**Wildlife Biology Technician** - Seasonal Temporary employee

Vegetation surveys, golden winged warbler surveys, endangered species clearance work, Habitat surveys, raptor surveys, bat surveys, and creation of new survey routes for various species. Tools include GPS, ARC GIS, Access, Excel, Delorme, and basic JAVA programing.

Summer 2008 Davis & Elkins College and US Forest Service Elkins, WV

**Seasonal Intern** - Data recovery of USDA Fernow Experimental Forest files damaged during the 1985 Flood. Organized files and catalogued them by type, created an itemized inventory of every file, create a new filing system for the data. Also identified and recommended viable data that could be useful for future papers/research.

Summer 2008 US Forest Service Northern California

**Contract radio operator and wild-land firefighter.** Red carded Technical specialist, radio operator, driver/operator, and wild-land firefighter.

Summer 2007 US Forest Service Elkins, WV

**STEP student with the US Forest Service Wildlife Biology Department.** Duties included Wildlife surveys - Northern flying squirrels, Northern goshawk, all bat species, rattlesnakes, migratory birds, and Allegheny wood-rats.

1995 - 2002 EEI Geophysical

**Geo-field technician** for Phase I site assessments & oil and gas permitting. Duties include surveying property, identifying hazards, geology, hydrology w/flood potential.

### *Extra-curricular Offerings*

2010 - Present Federal migratory bird banding permit for owls. Northern Saw-whet Owl Nesting and Migration Study.

2008 - Present Operate the Davis & Elkins College Greenhouse.

2008 - Present Organized "Hiking for Hawks" Program. A survey for rare, breeding

Northern Goshawks. Oversee the project with the assistance of up to 32 volunteers. This is now a cooperative effort between the Central Appalachian Northern goshawk program, Davis & Elkins College Environmental Science Program and USDA-Forest Service in West Virginia.

- 2011 - Present West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Cooperative Research Grant. Allegheny woodrat (*Neotoma magister*) population study.
- 1995 - Present -Member and previous President of Mountain State Grotto of the National Speleological Society. Member of the National Speleological Society NSS.
- 1990 - Present - Other Certifications: Cave Rescue Management, Vertical Rope Rescue Level II, Confined Space Rescue, Rescue Instructor, and Wilderness Paramedic, SCUBA open water certification.
- 2011 - Chemistry Thesis: *Impacts of the dispersant Corexit 9512 and crude oil emulsion on the Gulf Coast ecosystem verses the impact of Corexit 9512 and crude oil exposure independent of each species.*
- 2010 - Independent Research in Chemistry: Extraction of oil from *Jatrophas caracas* L.
- 2010 - Preparation and propagation of seedlings for the Elkins Community Gardens.
- 2009 - 2010 - Remote acoustical bat surveys for West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
- 2009 - Independent research in chemistry - synthesis of a novel compound for cancer studies.
- 2009 - 2011 Chi Beta Phi recycling program coordinator.
- 2008 - 2010 - Green action committee member (now GreenWorks!) with D & E College.
- 2007 - 2010 - Member and president of Chi Beta Phi National Science Honorary and National Officer Historian Magistrate. National Award for Best Chapter 2009.
- 2006 - Assisted in remote sensing of migratory birds conducted by the US Geological Survey
- 2006 - Volunteer wildlife biology technician for US Forest Service.
- 1995 - Present -Multiple outreach and educational programs including, children's environmental and naturalist programs, rescue instructor, environmental awareness, and wildlife rehab programs.

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