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## Phase I Environmental Site Assessment – Emivest Hangar

**WVDEP: CEOI ADJ2200000012**

**DATE: April 6, 2022**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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## 1 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**Ascent Consulting and Engineering, LLC (Ascent)** presents this Centralized Expression of Interest (CEOI) to participate in this project released by the **West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division** for Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) on the Emivest Aircraft Hangar. Ascent is prepared to meet the **West Virginia Army National Guard’s (WVARNG)** expectations sited within the original EOI to satisfy the “due diligence” process via a Phase I ESA.

The ESA will provide an appropriate level of inquiry into the previous ownership and uses of the property. The ESA will attempt to identify potential contamination and evidence indicating whether hazardous materials may be located on or under the surface as well as existing condition at the site.

**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. The technical staff has completed numerous ESAs for real estate transactions.

Ascent provides the **WVARNG** with the best option for ESA because of our experience, quality and efficiency. Our technical staff is trained to identify environmental concerns past and present based on the available information and existing site conditions. Our qualifications for the Phase I ESA are defined below.

- **100% successful track record** for completing projects with professional integrity, competence, and compliance (within scope, on-time and on budget).
- Environmental Scientists trained to identify potential environmental concerns.
- Phase I ESAs conducted in accordance with ASTM – E1527-13 Standard.
- Experience conducting Phase I ESAs for real estate transactions.
- Experienced recognizing various contaminants including those from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
- Proficient at conducting interviews and evaluating historic information.

**Ascent Project Roles:** Ascent will conduct the necessary project services with in-house personnel who will conduct the Phase I ESA per the ASTM – E1527-13 standard. Ascent will conduct a historic site use search via a third party that provides the historic aerial maps, fire insurance maps, historic uses and historic environmental concerns. Ascent will provide the following services.

- Conduct a records review that may help identify recognized environmental concerns at the site which may include federal, tribal, state, and local government records.
- Perform a historical use search including topographic mapping, aerial photographs, fire insurance maps and any previous assessments.
- Conduct a site reconnaissance of the subject property to identify present and past environmental conditions.
- Perform interviews with previous owners, if available, occupants and government officials to obtain additional information on the subject property.
- Prepare and present evaluations and an Environmental Assessment Report to the WVARNG. The report will include findings, opinions, photos of site conditions, recommendations and conclusions consistent with accepted professional standards including Standards and Practices for All



Appropriate Inquiries, 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 312 and ASTM E1527-13 for Phase I ESAs.

## 2 EXPERIENCE – LISTING OF RECENT PROJECTS

Ascent has supported a wide variety of customers from Government to Commercial to Residential. We have maintained an excellent performance history across all types of contracts (such as Firm Fixed Price, Time& Materials, and Cost-Plus Fixed Fee).

Ascent has the project experience required to complete Phase I ESAs. While Ascent has several projects with similar requirements, the following projects highlighted in the table below most closely represent the requirements of this request.

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| <b>Project Name</b>                                | <b>ADO Industries, USA<br/>Moundsville, WV</b>  |
| <b>Description</b>                                 | This project was brought to Ascent by a group from Turkey. ADO Industries were looking to develop the old Rain CII Carbon Facility in Moundsville, WV to produce and store Barite. ADO looked to Ascent to aid with WVDED funding, permitting and project management services. The site is prepped for several operational phases. The first to retrofit the existing facility to ADO’s planned operations. Ascent conducted an extensive Phase I ESA of the old industrial facility identifying aboveground storage tanks, Petroleum Underground Storage Tanks, historic spills and feasibility of existing facilities. Services also included permitting with the WVDEP and decommissioning of a wastewater treatment plant onsite. Ascent provides project management for all phases of the site’s development and reuse.  |
| <b>Project Reference<br/>(name / contact info)</b> | Hasan Yalcinkaya – ADO Engineer<br><a href="mailto:Hasan.yalcinkaya@adousa.net">Hasan.yalcinkaya@adousa.net</a>   |
| <b>Project Name</b>                                | <b>Foundry Demolition<br/>Seneca Falls, NY</b>  |
| <b>Description</b>                                 | Matthews International contracted Ascent to manage the demolition of a foundry. The facility operated as a bronze memorial and architectural lettering foundry from the mid- 1960’s through 2010. Prior to that, the facility operated as a metal stamping and toy factory. <b>Copper, lead, and zinc</b> are the primary constituents of bronze formation. Ascent conducted a <b>Phase I environmental assessment to identify environmental concerns</b> in the area and inside of the buildings themselves. It was identified that the building had <b>asbestos</b> containing material in it. A <b>Phase II environmental assessment</b> was performed to <b>evaluate the soils</b> . During the Phase II, lead was identified in the soil at hazardous levels. Ascent was also responsible for the <b>project management of the asbestos abatement and demolition</b> which took place over a four-week period. There was a need to <b>communicate with the community as the foundry</b> was comprised of four buildings built within proximity to neighboring homes. The <b>demolition permits for the state and local levels</b> were completed by Ascent on behalf of the client. Ascent personnel worked with the demolition contractor to identify and label all the |



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|   | <p><b>hazardous material</b> properly, ensure it was handled safely and disposed of as was required by the permits. The site was over excavated and tested to verify that the contamination had been fully removed from the location. The site has been restored and is in a condition where the owner can sell the property without concerns.</p>   |
| <p><b>Project Reference (name / contact info)</b></p> | <p>Yurij Wowczuk – Senior Director &amp; Head – Global Production &amp; Technology<br/>         Matthews International, Pittsburgh PA<br/> <a href="mailto:ywowczuk@matthewsintl.com">ywowczuk@matthewsintl.com</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Project Name</b></p>                            | <p><b>Southwestern Energy Proposed Well Pad<br/>         Three Springs Drive, Weirton, WV</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Description</b></p>                             | <p>Southwestern Energy (SWN) Contracted Ascent to complete the environmental assessment of a potential 18 acre well pad in Weirton, WV. Ascent provided the scope of work detailed out below:</p> <p>A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed on the proposed project area. The intent of the Phase I was to review the property for SWN prior to their purchase to identify any potential environmental risks with the property. The property was located within an industrial district and had previously been strip mined. During the Phase I field assessment, an abandoned fuel tank with compromised integrity was discovered on the property hidden underneath of years of overgrowth and brush. This was documented for the client and a Phase II study was recommended because of the findings.</p> <p>The Phase II Environmental Assessment was performed to determine the presence and extent of any potential petroleum contamination. During the Phase II assessment, the fuel tank was uncovered, and soil samples were taken to in the vicinity of the fuel tank to determine the presence of potential petroleum contamination. Based on the results of the soil samples, Ascent identified the area of concern for soil contamination and created a remediation plan for the property.</p> |
| <p><b>Project Reference (name / contact info)</b></p> | <p>Mr. Anthony Capp<br/>         Tel: 304-670-5156<br/>         E-mail: <a href="mailto:anthony.v.capp@gmail.com">anthony.v.capp@gmail.com</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Project Name</b></p>                            | <p><b>March Westin Company Industrial Site<br/>         Morgantown, WV</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Description</b></p>                             | <p>An old industrial site on the banks of the Monongahela River in Morgantown was being sold by the owner. Due to the historic usage and the proximity to the river, there were concerns from the acquiring company of potential environmental issues. Ascent was contracted to perform the Phase I and subsequent Phase II ESA on the property. The site consisted of three different parcels and was home to several buildings. The facility was primarily used a machine shop in the past. A Phase I was conducted to determine if any surficial or historic evidence would indicate the presence of Recognized</p>   |

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|   | <p><b>Environmental Concerns</b> which would lead to the discovery of <b>potential hazardous material onsite</b>. The Phase I study identified the <b>presence of Recognized Environmental Concerns</b>, and a subsequent <b>Phase II</b> was recommended to the client. The <b>Phase II ESA</b> consisted of <b>collecting groundwater samples throughout the property, collecting soil samples utilizing geoprobes and analyzing the samples for VOCs, PCBs and heavy metals</b>. The <b>Phase I and II reports and documentation</b> supplied the potential buyer of the property with the information required to understand the liability to remediate the property for future use.</p> |
| <p><b>Project Reference</b><br/>(name / contact info)</p> | <p>Mr. Phillip Weser<br/>March-Westin Company, Inc.<br/>360 Frontier Ave.<br/>Morgantown, WV 26505<br/><a href="mailto:phil@marchwestin.com">phil@marchwestin.com</a></p>  |

### 3 KEY PERSONNEL

Leadership and staffing are the most important quality of Ascent. Ascent’s strategy and competitive advantage is founded on providing the most professional, technically competent, and highly trained leaders for each client. The table below lists the Ascent Key Personnel and their skills.

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| <p><b>Jeff Knepper, CPG, LRS</b><br/>Sr. Environmental Manager</p> | <p>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 working on complex environmental and regulatory projects in WV, PA, OH, VA.</p> |
| <p><b>Amanda Wright</b><br/>Environmental Manager</p>              | <p>Amanda will be a subject matter expert while providing overall project management and guidance. Amanda Wright has over 18 years’ experience managing large scale and complex environmental projects throughout WV, OH, &amp; PA.</p>                             |
| <p><b>Megan Wagner</b><br/>Environmental Scientist</p>             | <p>Megan is a certified wetland specialist with certifications from the USACE among others. She has over 7 years’ experience in stream and wetland delineations, soil assessments, GIS mapping and data processing.</p>   |
| <p><b>Sara Hltaky</b><br/>Staff Scientist</p>                      | <p>Sara has over 4 years’ of experience with data collection, plan writing and mapping for a variety of earth disturbance and agriculture projects. Her experience also includes stream assessments and monitoring.</p>   |

## 4 PROJECT METHODOLOGY

Team Ascent will use our **proven management methodology**, as noted in **Figure 1**, and tools to provide **environmental services** for the **West Virginia Army National Guard’s (WVARNG)**. 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.

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.

### **Environmental Assessment Process and Preliminary Cost Estimation**

- This Environmental Assessment (EA) will be developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, to address the potential environmental impacts funded by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Pilot Grant Program. In satisfying NEPA requirements, this EA also evaluates the expected cumulative impacts of this proposed remediation for the immediate and surrounding areas. The AML Pilot Program provides funding for projects that are on or adjacent to abandoned mine lands for economic development and recreational purposes.
- Ascent will coordinate and perform the requirements necessary to complete the EA. Ascent will work closely with the WVDEP AML representatives on the process and submittal of the EA.
- Ascent has prepared a preliminary cost estimate based on the RFB documents provided by West Liberty University. This represents the best estimate based on Ascent’s understanding and experience with EA’s for the AML Pilot Program.
- Once the EA process has been conceptualized, Ascent will coordinate the environmental services applicable to the project site.
- This stage allows the project team to refine the necessary services and identify anything initially unforeseen that would have an impact to project cost or constructability.
- Permit requirements will be evaluated and drafted during this phase.

### **Plan Implementation**

- The Ascent Project Manager will provide a weekly email update to the **West Virginia Army National Guard's (WVARNG)** 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 **West Virginia Army National Guard's (WVARNG)** 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).
- The keys to project success for this site include but are not limited to Endangered Species Services, Archaeological Survey, Stream and Wetland Delineations and the EA report submittal.
- Coordination of project services are key a timely Environmental Assessment submittal to the WVDEP. This will allow significant time for review and approval.

### **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.

# ATTACHMENT A





# JEFFREY KNEPPER, CPG, LRS

## **REGISTRATIONS**

- Certified Professional Geologist – Virginia
- Licensed Remediation Specialist – West Virginia
- Certified Aboveground Storage Tank Inspector – [REDACTED]
- 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.

# 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.

# MEGAN WAGNER

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST



### EDUCATION

B.S. Environmental Studies: Fisheries & Wildlife

California University of Pennsylvania,  
2014

### YEARS EXPERIENCE

- 7+ 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
- Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands v. 5.0 Training Course, 2017
- PADEP One-Day Technical Training, 2017
- Asbestos Building Inspector Certification – December 2021
- WV Licensed Asbestos Inspector – Issued December 2021

### ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of The Women’s Energy Network WV
- University Relations Chair – Air & Waste Management Association

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### SUMMARY

Ms. Megan Wagner is an Environmental Scientist for Ascent services. Ms. Wagner has approximately 7 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 is a certified Asbestos Inspector with a license in West Virginia. 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.



# SARA HLATKY

## STAFF SCIENTIST



### EDUCATION

B.S. Biology  
Waynesburg University, 2018

### YEARS EXPERIENCE

- 4+ Years

### CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING

- Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance Certification- 2018
- Agricultural Conservation Technicians Bootcamp Level I- 2019
- NM Managing Nutrients Workshop- 2019
- NM Plan Writing Workshop- 2019
- NM Plan Review Workshop- 2019
- NM ACA & Manure Storage Workshop- 2019
- NM Stormwater & Soil Loss Workshop- 2019
- NM P Index Workshop- 2019
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Review Training- 2019
- Asbestos Building Inspector Certification – December 2021
- WV Licensed Asbestos Inspector – Issued December 2021
- 38-Hour Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Certification, Richard Chinn Environmental Training, 2022

Email:

sara@ascentconsultingengineers.com

### SUMMARY

Ms. Sara Hlatky is a Staff Scientist at Ascent services. Ms. Hlatky has approximately 4 years of experience with data collection, plan reviewing, plan writing and mapping for a variety of projects for earth disturbance and agriculture. She is a certified, licensed Asbestos Inspector in West Virginia. Her experience includes soil assessments, soil profiling, stream assessments and monitoring, BMPs for agriculture and earth disturbance, mapping, plan review, plan writing and data processing. She has been involved in numerous earth disturbance projects and agriculture planning projects located within PA. Range of projects include but not limited to DGLVR, slip repairs, well pads, commercial buildings, water and gas pipeline, rotational grazing, and ACA management.

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Greene County Conservation District Conservation Specialist**

Managed and oversaw all District and District delegated programs at various levels. Programs include but not limited to: Agriculture, Nutrient Management, CH-102 Erosion and Sediment Control, CH-105 Water Obstructions and Encroachments, and DGLVR. Duties included: plan review, plan writing, soil sampling, E&S inspections. Managed the Districts' Greene County's Reinvestment in Agriculture Cost Share Enhancement Program (GRACE) program solely; the program promotes soil and water conservation through agriculture BMP implementation. Conducted all field and administrative work for GRACE.

#### **Reliance Laboratories Environmental Field Technician**

Responsible for collection, sampling and environmental reporting of stormwater, wastewater and drinking water for government-regulatory entities, commercial and domestic clientele.

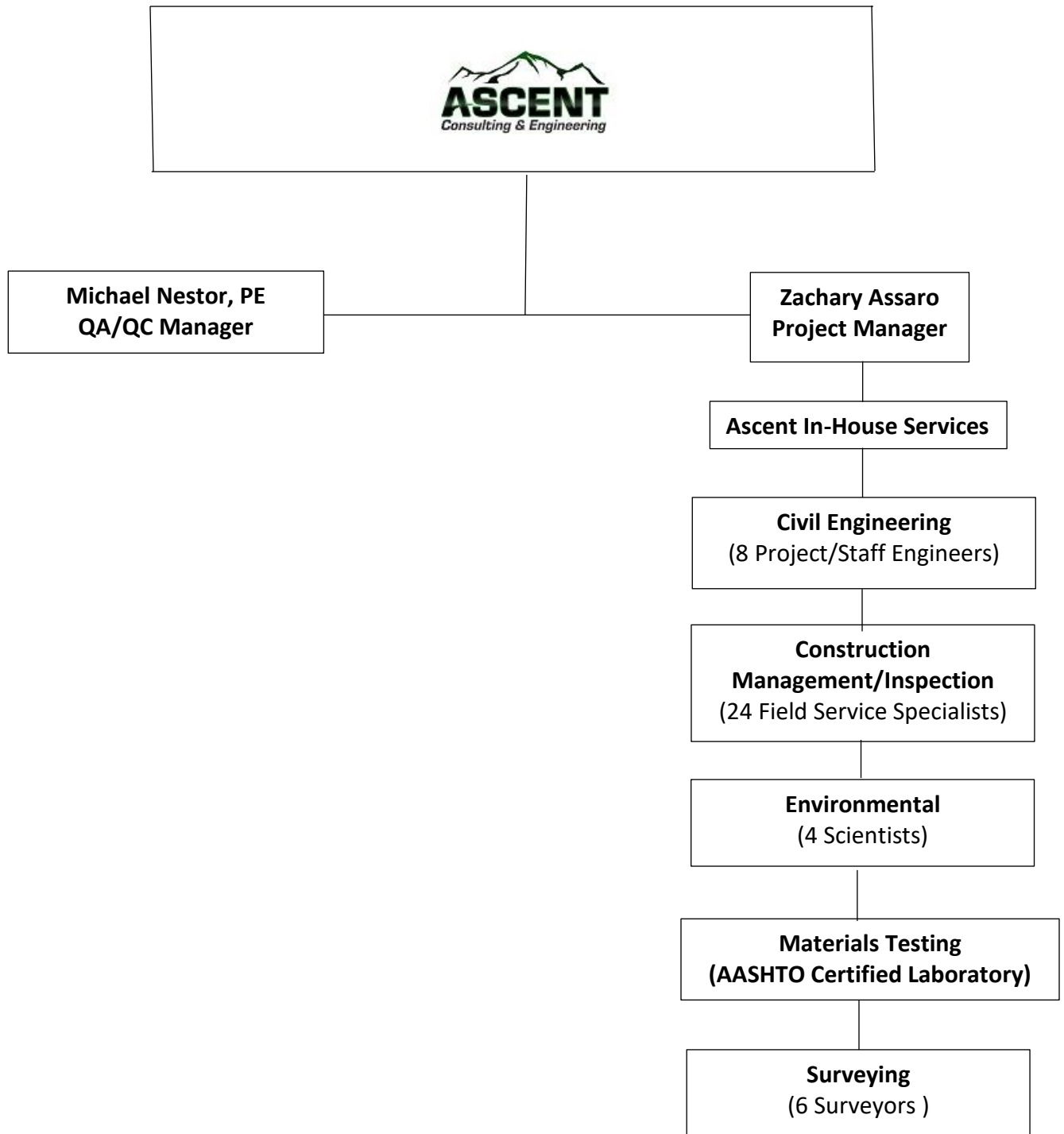
#### **Waynesburg University Research Abiotic and biotic impacts of acid mine drainage in Dunkard Creek- Greene County, PA**

Conducted research on environmental impacts of acid mine drainage in Dunkard Creek, Greene County. Research involved stream monitoring, water sampling and macroinvertebrate surveying. Research was presented at two events: oral presentation at the Association of Southeastern Biologists 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC and poster presentation at Waynesburg University's Research Symposium in Waynesburg, PA.

# ATTACHMENT B



# PROJECT TEAM



# ATTACHMENT C

# 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: [REDACTED]



*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*

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400, Richmond, VA 23233

Telephone: (804) 367-8500

EXPIRES ON

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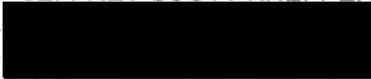
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BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS & GEOLOGISTS  
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST



JEFFREY SCOTT KNEPPER



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

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

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR PRIVILEGES AND INSTRUCTIONS)

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# CONTRACTOR LICENSE

Authorized by the

**West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board**

**Number:** WV058563

**Classification:**  
GENERAL BUILDING

ASCENT CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING L  
DBA ASCENT CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING L  
2361 DAVISSON RUN RD STE 103  
CLARKSBURG, WV 26301

**Date Issued**

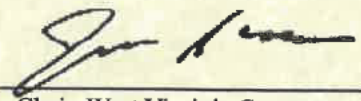
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**WEST VIRGINIA  
CONTRACTOR  
LICENSING  
BOARD**

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Authorized Company Signature



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Chair, West Virginia Contractor  
Licensing Board

This license, or a copy thereof, must be posted in a conspicuous place at every construction site where work is being performed. This license number must appear in all advertisements, on all bid submissions and on all fully executed and binding contracts. This license cannot be assigned or transferred by licensee. Issued under provisions of West Virginia Code, Chapter 21, Article 11.



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:  Date: 4/5/2022

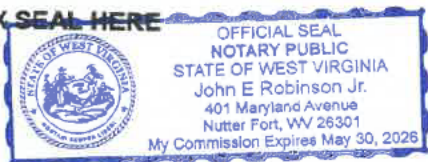
State of West Virginia

County of Harrison, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 2022.

My Commission expires May 30, 2026

AFFIX SEAL HERE



NOTARY PUBLIC 

Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 01/19/2018)



**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.

MRN Managing Member

(Name, Title)

Michael R. Nestor, Managing Member

(Printed Name and Title)

2361 Davisson Run Rd Suite 103

(Address)

Clarksburg, WV 26301

(Phone Number) / (Fax Number)

amanda@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)

MRN Managing Member

(Authorized Signature) (Representative Name, Title)

Michael R. Nestor, Managing Member

(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

4/5/2022

(Date)

304-933-3463

(Phone Number) (Fax Number)