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Kenny Voss, P.E.
Local Programs Administrator
Missouri Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT: Letter of Interest & Statement of Qualifications
On-Call Services - Sidewalks & Trails Category**

Dear Mr. Voss & Review Committee Members,

GENERAL EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRM

Benton & Associates, Inc. (B&A) has been in business for 43 years with a focus on rural communities. In 2009 B&A entered the Missouri Local Public Agency market and has since contracted for the replacement of 29 bridges through the BRO program and 11 bridges for soft match credit. We have helped make improvements at the regional ferry site, local school districts, libraries, and other facilities that are part of our communities. Prior to entry to the Missouri market, B&A has assisted Illinois communities with infrastructure improvements for over 30 years.

PAST PERFORMANCE

One key to our success has been to deliver projects faster than our competition. Prior to B&A entering the market, it was common for consultants to finish the design phase of projects in 12-18 months. B&A has repeatedly completed design phase engineering in 6-8 months. A summary of our project performance is enclosed and made part of this letter of interest.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL

One other key to our success has been the All Star team we've assembled for Sidewalks & Trails. A summary of qualifications for each staff member is enclosed and made part of this letter of interest.

FAMILIARITY / CAPABILITY

The majority of work for this team consists of local transportation projects with some form of federal funding. We understand the needs of rural clients, the importance of funding assistance, and the process it takes to get through the program. We've had the training and we've participated in discussions to make the LPA process better. The LPA work is a big part of how we make our living.

ACCESSIBILITY

In order to complete projects in a short period of time, we have to be responsive to our clients and communicate with them on a regular basis. Our clients have our cell phone numbers and we have theirs. We value the trust and relationships we have with our clients. Our client references speak well of our accessibility.

Please contact us with any questions. We look forward to being on the list for this category.

Shannon J. Howe, P.E., S.E.
BENTON & ASSOCIATES, INC.



LPA PROJECT DELIVERY SUMMARY – FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS									
Months after Notice to Proceed / Authorization to Begin PE									
Project Name	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Livingston Co. Bridges BRO-B059 (19) & BRO-B059 (18)		PP		ROW					PSE
Shelby Co. Br. No. 1340008 BRO-B102 (20)		PP	ROW				PSE		
Shelby Co. Br. No. 2170051 BRO-B102 (21)		PP	ROW			PSE			
Pike Co. Br. No. 15700141 BRO-B082 (26)		PP	ROW					PSE	
Mercer Co. Br. No. 01800092 BRO-B065 (29)	PP		ROW				PSE		
Grundy Co. Br. No. 24500131 BRO-B040 (25)		PP		ROW					PSE
Carroll Co. Br. No. 38300191 BRO-B017 (63)	PP		ROW		PSE				
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Monroe Co. Br. 209000091 BRO-B069(42)	PP ROW			PSE					
Lafayette Co. Bridges BRO-B054(22) & BRO-B054(23)	PP	ROW			PSE				
Mercer Co. Br. 03300212 BRO-B065(32)	PP	ROW		PSE					
Lewis Co.-Canton Ferry Landing Improvements ARRA-FB03(006)	PP		ROW		PSE				

PP - Preliminary Plans and Engineering Report submitted to MoDOT

ROW – Right of Way Plans & Easements submitted to MoDOT

PSE- Final Plans, Specifications, & Estimate packet submitted to MoDOT (Final ROW packed submitted prior)

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Project Name	2	3	4	5	6
Macon Co. Br. 37300131 over BNSF Railway	PP			PSE	
Marshall Special. Road District of Saline County – 2 Bridges	PP				PSE
Princeton R-V . Parking, Driveways, & Retaining Walls	PP		PSE		
Unionville Street & Sidewalks		PP		PSE	
Adair County Library Sidewalks	PSE				

PP- Preliminary Plans reviewed with LPA

PSE- Easements Acquired, Plans, Specifications, & Estimate Completed. Ready to advertise for bids.

On-Call Services for Sidewalks & Trails



HISTORY

Benton & Associates, Inc. (B&A) started business in 1970 with a focus on serving rural communities in Illinois. In 2009 we began to offer transportation engineering services to rural communities in Missouri. Our focus on rapid delivery of projects has raised the bar on performance and allowed many Local Agencies to complete projects faster than ever before. We have been fortunate to have several clients trust us to delivery multiple projects for their communities in the form of repeat work.

PHILOSOPHY

We will get your project ready to advertise.....fast. We have developed a process, hired key staff, and continue to make improvements to our production methods in order to consistently deliver projects in short period of time. Our goal is to deliver projects to MoDOT within 6-8 months. Our track record is excellent. Ask us, and we'll show the numbers.

CAPACITY & CAPABILITY

We can handle 15-20 projects per year with some projects in the design phase and some in the construction phase. We have a strong understanding of the various funding types, including;

- Highway Bridge Funding, BRO & BRM, Soft Match Credit
- STP, Safe Routes to School, Enhancements
- Multi-Modal Funding for bridges over railroads.
- Community Development Block Grants

- FEMA replacement & mitigation
- Conservation Grants
- FHWA Discretionary Grants

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE

Relax, knowing we have all the technical expertise needed to complete your project. Our All-Star team consists of professional engineers, (P.E.), professional structural engineers, (S.E.), senior designers, land surveyors, and other experts.

PERFORMANCE

In order to illustrate our performance and range of expertise, we are providing a performance summary chart and some project profiles which illustrate the range of our expertise.

Office Locations

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Adair County Public Library, Kirksville, Missouri

The Adair County Library Board retained Benton & Associates, Inc. to engineer a bike parking pad and sidewalk to connect their building to the city sidewalk along Baltimore Street. The design accommodated an existing flag pole, brick sign, and decorative landscaping features.

Benton & Associates, Inc. provided the following services for this project:

- Preliminary plan development.
- Construction plans for new sidewalk and culverts.
- Advertisement for bids and bid evaluation.
- Construction observation
- Construction Contract Administration

Contact: Glenda Hunt, Director
660-665-6038

Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS)

Kirksville, Missouri

The FLATS board retained Benton & Associates, Inc. to provide conceptual planning, cost estimating, preliminary design assistance to support a grant application to expand the trail system.

Contact: Royce Kallerud
814-215-5534

Unionville, Missouri

Sidewalk & Street Improvements

The City of Unionville retained Benton & Associates, Inc. to engineer sidewalk and street improvements including pavement replacement, addition of curb & gutters, relocation of sidewalks, addition of ADA compliant sidewalks, etc.

Contact: John Roach, City Administrator
660-947-2437

