

# Letter of Interest

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## Company Overview

We are pleased to submit this letter of interest to MoDOT for Sidewalks and Trail Design services. Gonzalez Companies is certified as a DBE firm with the Department, and is on MoDOT's Approved Consultant Prequalification List. Our current staff of 40 employees, which includes 9 licensed Professional Engineers and 6 design technicians, has allowed us to submit as the Prime Contractor for this Master Agreement. Although Gonzalez Companies has certification as a DBE firm, 50 percent of our work is completed as the Prime Consulting firm.

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## Familiarity with Federal Projects

Our team has successfully delivered numerous projects in Illinois and Missouri. We have a thorough understanding of compliance relating to Federal Design Guidelines and Federal Review of our federally funded transportation projects. The list of relevant project experience outlined within this Letter of Interest demonstrates our knowledge in this capacity. Our team's experience, knowledge and familiarity with DOT procedures, has proven effective in supplementing DOT's staffing requirements.

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# Capacity and Capability

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Gonzalez Companies, LLC has 40 employees and has completed large and complex transportation design projects as well as simple local road improvement projects. We monitor our backlog and commitments on a regular basis. The decision on whether or not to pursue a project is based on the availability of our key staff to effectively manage those projects.

## Relevant Project Experience

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- **Hanley Industrial Court/Eager Road Sidewalk, ADA Improvements and Retaining Walls** Brentwood, MO
- **Manchester Rd. Sidewalk, ADA and Modular Block Retaining Wall Improvements** Maplewood, MO
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## Partner Overview

### *ANTHONY A. GONZALEZ-ANGEL, AIA*

Mr. Angel founded Gonzalez Companies, LLC in 1999 and is Senior Managing Partner. He currently provides leadership and direct management for company endeavors by acting as CEO, CFO, and COO. He has over 20 years of professional experience in the construction industry. Mr. Angel earned a Bachelor of Architecture and a Bachelor of Liberal Arts & Sciences from the University of Illinois Chicago. He later earned his Master in Public Administration - economic development – from University of Illinois Springfield. He worked, while in school, to financially support the completion of his higher education. Mr. Angel has managed and coordinated many planning, building, transportation, and urban development projects ranging in size from \$150,000 to over \$150,000,000. These projects range from Chicago City Hall renovations to the Metro Cross County Metrolink in Saint Louis, MO. He has extensive experience in contract management and administration, resourcing and scheduling, plan and constructability review, construction logistics, and construction inspection/observation.

### *R. PATRICK JUDGE, P.E.*

Mr. Judge joined Gonzalez Companies, LLC in 2005 as a Managing Partner. He is a registered Engineer in Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, and Wisconsin and has 20 years of experience providing construction management, design and planning services. While working through college to support his education, Mr. Judge graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. In his career, Mr. Judge served as the Assistant City Engineer for the City of O'Fallon, Illinois gaining extensive knowledge on transportation, water, and sewer projects. Mr. Judge also served as the Deputy Project Director for the St. Clair County MetroLink Extension and Deputy Construction Manager-Facilities for the Cross County MetroLink Extension. Mr. Judge understands the demands of aging infrastructure accompanied with major budget limitations. In addition, Mr. Judge understands the need to complete a project in a cost effective manner without compromising the integrity of the system and to minimize maintenance costs. Mr. Judge has managed projects in his career ranging in value from \$50,000 to over \$650,000,000.

### *CARLOS HUDDLESTON, P.E.*

Mr. Huddleston became a partner with Gonzalez Companies, LLC in June of 2007. He currently manages and oversees all of Gonzalez Companies construction related activities which include, Construction Management, Construction Administration, Construction Inspection and Material Inspections. Mr. Huddleston has over 22 years of professional experience in heavy and highway, commercial and residential construction. Mr. Huddleston worked through college and graduated from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is also a registered Engineer in the states of Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Kansas. Mr. Huddleston has managed and coordinated large construction contracts ranging in value from less than a \$1,000,000 to over \$110,000,000. These projects range over the Mid-West, such as: Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. He has extensive experience in project management, construction management, resource allocation, logistics, scheduling, contract payment, change order management, design review for constructability, construction inspection, quality assurance, quality control, and project closeout.

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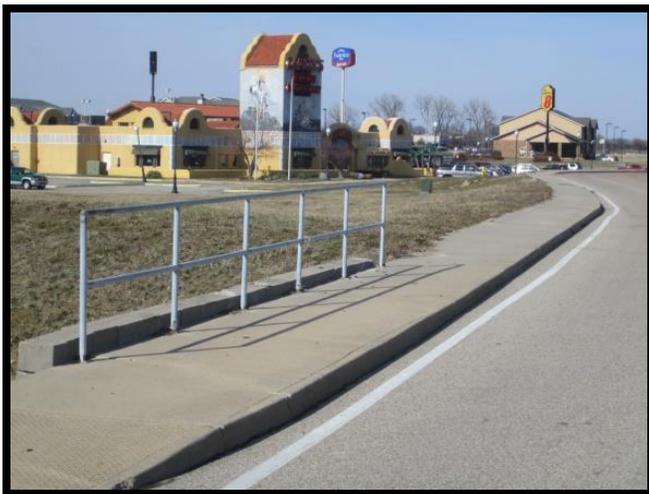
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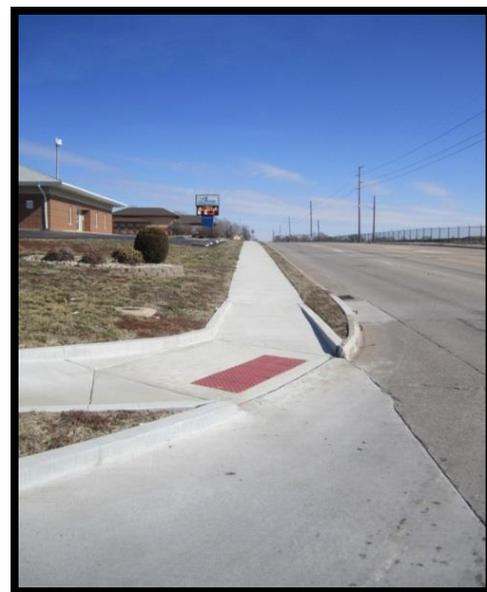
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Eastport Plaza Drive is located in Collinsville, Illinois. Several nearby businesses and restaurants generated enough foot traffic to justify the City constructing a combination 5 foot wide sidewalk/curb to allow for safe pedestrian travel.

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