

# Letter of Interest

---

## Company Overview

We are pleased to submit this letter of interest to MoDOT for Construction Inspection Services. Gonzalez Companies is certified as a DBE firm with the Department, is on MoDOT's Approved Consultant Prequalification List, and currently has a Consultant Services Agreement for on-call construction inspection services with District 6. Our current staff of 40 employees, which includes 9 licensed Professional Engineers and 15 QC/QA inspectors, 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.

## Familiarity and Capability Relating to Federal Projects

Our team has successfully delivered numerous projects for the Illinois Department of Transportation, including both Design and Construction Inspection services. We have a thorough understanding of compliance requirements for Federally funded projects having completed over 30 separate federally funded Construction Inspection projects and delivered them in accordance to the plans and specifications. 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.

## Accessibility

Gonzalez Companies is extremely cognizant about being accessible and responsive throughout the duration of any project's schedule and conclusion. We take pride in our responsiveness to our clients. Our St. Louis location is centrally located near I-44, I-55, and I-70. We are proactive in addressing the needs of our clients and are prepared to meet our clients on short notice. Our company culture stresses the importance of employees understanding the needs of our clients and to anticipate those needs, by responding quickly and efficiently to those needs. Our commitment to responsiveness, accessibility and quality of work can be seen via our direct client testimonials.

*"We can always count on Gonzalez to be responsive and be here when we need them...."*

Dan Bowman – Engineering Manager – O'Fallon, IL

*"Gonzalez's quality of work and professionalism was outstanding. They have been a tremendous help to the Village"* – Mayor Nathaniel O'Bannon – Village of Brooklyn

*"Gonzalez Companies excellence and professionalism permeates their entire organization"*

Steve Palen, P.E. – City Engineer – Wood River, IL

*"Their attention to detail and thoroughness exceeded my expectations"* – Dan Scherer – Project Manager - O'Fallon, MO

## Relevant Project Experience

- ✓ Troy Interchange, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Interstate 55 Corridor Rubblization, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Route 15 over Route 13, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Joliet Moveable Bridges, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Bloomingdale Bike Trail, City of Chicago, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Lower and Middle river Des Peres Tunnel, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Construction Inspection
- ✓ On-Call Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services, Illinois Department of Transportation
- ✓ On-Call Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
- ✓ Interstate 64 Bridge over Metro Link, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Hoan Bridge Repair, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Cahokia Mounds, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ IL Route 157 Turn Lane, Sherbut Carson Claxton, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services

- ✓ New Mississippi River Bridge, -Illinois Department of Transportation, Utility Coordination Services
- ✓ US Route 45 Bridge, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Interstate 64 Resurfacing, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Tinker Air Force Base, US Air Force, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Old St. Louis Road, City of Wood River, Illinois, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Behrens Street, City of O'Fallon, Illinois, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Sommers Road, Public Water Supply District No. 2 of St. Charles County, Missouri, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Old Lebanon/Troy Road, O'Fallon Township Road District, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Prairie State Energy Campus, Peabody Energy, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services

## Project Personnel

---

Gonzalez's staff consists of proven performers in the areas of construction inspection, resident engineering, engineering layout, material testing, and record maintenance. Our staff includes former MoDOT and IDOT employees with years of construction and materials inspection and testing experience. Our team has a thorough understanding of the *Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction*, field procedures, and expectations.

In addition to our vast experience with municipal and county clients, members of our team have successfully completed numerous construction and materials inspection and testing projects for DOT's. Our proactive approach to management and commitment to our clients will ensure MoDOT receives the best possible services for this project. Our attention to detail and internal quality assurance program will ensure MoDOT is delivered a highly effective project team and successful project.

Mr. Carlos Huddleston is a managing partner at Gonzalez Companies in charge of construction and materials inspection and testing services. He is a former Senior Construction Inspector for MoDOT. Mr. Huddleston will serve as the point of contact for this contract.

### *Carlos Huddleston, P.E. – Construction Support – 20 years*

Mr. Huddleston is a managing partner with Gonzalez Companies and has over 20 years of experience in design and construction management. Previously, Mr. Huddleston served as a project manager for both the Missouri Department of Transportation and Fred Weber, Inc.

### *Bridgette Kucera – Construction Inspection – 10 years*

Ms. Kucera has over 10 years of experience providing construction observation services. Ms. Kucera's responsibilities include reviewing specifications with the purpose of meeting client standards, providing daily observation reports, communicating with Project Engineers, preparing data and/or required documents, and providing a comprehensive review of daily field activities.

### *Elizabeth Glowacz, EIT – Construction Support – 5 years*

Ms. Glowacz has experience in construction inspection and engineering services. She has experience in geotechnical and material field and laboratory testing procedures including Proof Roll, Standard Penetration Test, Slump, Air Content, Proctors, Atterberg Limits, Sieve Analysis, Specific Gravity, Concrete Compression Testing, and Flexural Strength Testing. Ms. Glowacz also has knowledge of non-destructive testing methods.

### *Evan Baumgartner – Construction Inspection – 8 years*

Mr. Baumgartner has provided construction inspection services and engineering services for Municipal and State projects. Mr. Baumgartner is a quality construction inspector with numerous DOT certifications. He experience is complimented by various aspects including accuracy, attention to detail, analytical skills, as well as the aspiration to expand his current skill set.

***Jackie Gammon – Construction Inspection – 30 years***

Mr. Gammon has over 35 years of experience working for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in a variety of capacities. He served for over 16 years as a Resident Engineer, 9 years as a Bridge Inspection Specialist/Engineer, and for 7 years as an auditor for IDOT. Mr. Gammon has served as a Resident Engineer on many major interstate projects and is familiar with the complexities of major interstate construction.

***Jeff Dortch – Construction Inspection – 10 years***

Mr. Dortch is a project manager/GIS specialist for Gonzalez Companies. He is responsible for project management, GIS services, and client satisfaction. Mr. Dortch has 12 years of experience providing construction management and GIS services for numerous entities throughout the Midwest. He has managed projects funded by the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Sewer District, local governments, and private clients ranging in value from \$10,000 to over \$5M.

***Rusty Venhaus – Construction Inspection– 30 years***

Mr. Venhaus has over 30 years of inspection experience. He has performed in excess of 4,000 inspections throughout his career and has received the following recognitions and awards: 2008 IDOT *Technician of the Year Award* in honor of his work on the McKinley Bridge Project, and a Performance Award for his outstanding achievements as a Resident Technician. His qualifications include inspections of surface preparation, coating types, and failure modes for various coatings, including specialized coatings and linings. His extensive knowledge is inclusive of advanced corrosion theory; environmental controls and advanced environmental testing; centrifugal blast cleaning and water jetting equipment, standards, methods of use, and inspection concerns; advanced nondestructive and destructive test instruments; surface preparation, application, and inspection of liquid-applied and thick barrier linings; specialized application equipment including plural-component, electrostatic and centrifugal, and hot spray systems; concrete coatings; specialized coating techniques and application of non-liquid coatings; and coating survey techniques and procedures and common coating failures.

***Wayne Nieman – Construction Inspection – 30 years***

Mr. Nieman has 25 years of experience in Construction Management, Resident Engineering and surveying. His projects have ranged in value up to \$270,000,000. Mr. Nieman has overseen the jobsite construction and quality of work on each project he has served on along with supervising other RE's and inspectors. Mr. Nieman has experience reviewing general contractor's monthly pay applications, coordinating monthly construction meetings, resolving contractor and subcontractor questions and problems with design engineers, and performing other tasks including being a liaison with owner and cost control of projects.

***Wesley Hampsch – Construction Inspection– 10 years***

Mr. Hampsch has provided construction inspection and engineering services for Municipal and State projects. He is certified in field testing/inspection procedures. Mr. Hampsch has experience in materials testing and understands the dynamic between supply and delivery of materials and the incorporation of them into the project. He understands the role QA/QC plays in his inspection responsibilities. He has performed all types of inspection services for DOT's including, maintenance of traffic, bridge construction, roadway construction, and contract administration responsibilities. He is also proficient in laboratory testing procedures including Proctors, Atterberg Limits, Sieve Analysis, Specific Gravity, Concrete Compression Testing (concrete, mortar, grout), Sulfur capping, flexural strength testing.

***James Borrenpohl. – Construction Inspection – 40 years***

Mr. Borrenpohl has more than 42 years of diverse Construction experience ranging from skilled craft level to managerial positions in Program Management, Construction Management with Design Build Projects, and General Contracting Projects. He has supervised large construction crews, and has a solid understanding of construction practices for federal projects.

***Steve Fobian – Design Support/Construction Inspection – 25 years***

Mr. Fobian is an experienced designer familiar with a variety of aspects relating to sidewalk design, ADA improvements, roadway design and MoDOT standards. Mr. Fobian previously worked for MoDOT. His 25 years of Department Of Transportation design experience has given him valuable and varied experience on small as well as major projects.

# Statement of Qualifications

---

## Company Overview

Gonzalez Companies is certified as a DBE firm with the Department. Our current staff of 40 employees, includes 9 licensed Professional Engineers and 15 QC/QA inspectors. Although Gonzalez Companies has certification as a DBE firm, 50 percent of our work is completed as the Prime Consulting firm.

## 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.

## Accessibility

Gonzalez Companies is extremely cognizant being accessible and responsive throughout the duration of a project. We take pride in our responsiveness to our clients. Our St. Louis location is centrally located near I-44, I-55, and I-70. We have the ability to meet with our clients on short notice. Our employees understand the need to be there for our clients when they need us.

Our commitment to responsiveness, accessibility and quality of work can be seen via our client testimonials.

*“We can always count on Gonzalez to be responsive and be here when we need them....”*

Dan Bowman – Engineering Manager –  
O’Fallon, IL

*“Gonzalez Companies excellence and professionalism permeates their entire organization”* – Steve Palen, P.E. – City Engineer – Wood River, IL

*“Gonzalez’s quality of work and professionalism was outstanding. They have been a tremendous help to the Village”* –

Mayor Nathaniel O’Bannon – Village of Brooklyn

*“Their attention to detail and thoroughness exceeded my expectations”* – Dan Scherer – Project Manager - O’Fallon, MO

## Relevant Project Experience

- ✓ Troy Interchange, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Interstate 55 Corridor Rubblization, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Route 15 over Route 13, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Joliet Moveable Bridges, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Bloomingdale Bike Trail, City of Chicago, Construction Inspection
- ✓ Lower and Middle river Des Peres Tunnel, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Construction Inspection
- ✓ On-Call Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services, Illinois Department of Transportation
- ✓ On-Call Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
- ✓ Interstate 64 Bridge over Metro Link, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Hoan Bridge Repair, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Cahokia Mounds, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ IL Route 157 Turn Lane, Sherbut Carson Claxton, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ New Mississippi River Bridge, -Illinois Department of Transportation, Utility Coordination Services
- ✓ US Route 45 Bridge, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Interstate 64 Resurfacing, Illinois Department of Transportation, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Tinker Air Force Base, US Air Force, Construction Inspection Services
- ✓ Old St. Louis Road, City of Wood River, Illinois, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Behrens Street, City of O’Fallon, Illinois, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Sommers Road, Public Water Supply District No. 2 of St. Charles County, Missouri, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Old Lebanon/Troy Road, O’Fallon Township Road District, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services
- ✓ Prairie State Energy Campus, Peabody Energy, Construction and Materials Inspection and Testing Services



### **Troy Interchange**

Construction Inspection for the removal and replacement of existing structure, ramps, and outer roads.



### **I-64 over MetroLink**

Construction Inspection for new steel beams, PCC bridge deck, and new approaches



### **New Mississippi River Bridge**

Utility Coordination for the Illinois side of the River



### **Moveable Bridges**

Construction Inspection for architectural, mechanical, and electrical improvements, along with installation of communications to remotely operate six moveable bridges.



### **IL Rte 15 over 13**

Construction Inspection for the complete Removal and Replacement of 2 Structures

# Project Personnel

---

Gonzalez's staff consists of proven performers in the areas of construction inspection, resident engineering, engineering layout, material testing, and record maintenance. Our staff includes former MoDOT and IDOT employees with years of construction and materials inspection and testing experience. Our team has a thorough understanding of the *Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction*, field procedures, and expectations. In addition to our vast experience with municipal and county clients, members of our team have successfully completed numerous construction and materials inspection and testing projects for DOT's. Our proactive approach to management and commitment to our clients will ensure MoDOT receives the best possible services for this project. Our attention to detail and internal quality assurance program will ensure MoDOT is delivered a highly effective project team and successful project.

## ***Carlos Huddleston, P.E. – Construction Support – 20 years***

Mr. Huddleston is a managing partner with Gonzalez Companies and has over 20 years of experience in design and construction management. Previously, Mr. Huddleston served as a project manager for both the Missouri Department of Transportation and Fred Weber, Inc.

## ***Jackie Gammon – Construction Inspection – 30 years***

Mr. Gammon has over 35 years of experience working for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in a variety of capacities. He served for over 16 years as a Resident Engineer, 9 years as a Bridge Inspection Specialist/Engineer, and for 7 years as an auditor for IDOT. Mr. Gammon has served as a Resident Engineer on many major interstate projects and is familiar with the complexities of major interstate construction.

## ***Rusty Venhaus – Construction Inspection– 30 years***

Mr. Venhaus has performed in excess of 4,000 inspections throughout his career and has received the following recognitions and awards: 2008 IDOT *Technician of the Year Award* in honor of his work on the McKinley Bridge Project, and a Performance Award for his outstanding achievements as a Resident Technician. His qualifications include inspections of surface preparation, coating types, and failure modes for various coatings, including specialized coatings and linings. His extensive knowledge is inclusive of advanced corrosion theory; environmental controls and advanced environmental testing; centrifugal blast cleaning and water jetting equipment, standards, methods of use, and inspection concerns; advanced nondestructive and destructive test instruments; surface preparation, application, and inspection of liquid-applied and thick barrier linings; specialized application equipment including plural-component, electrostatic and centrifugal, and hot spray systems; concrete coatings; specialized coating techniques and application of non-liquid coatings; and coating survey techniques and procedures and common coating failures.

## ***Wesley Hampsch – Construction Inspection– 10 years***

Mr. Hampsch has provided construction inspection and engineering services for Municipal and State projects. He is certified in field testing/inspection procedures. Mr. Hampsch has experience in materials testing and understands the dynamic between supply and delivery of materials and the incorporation of them into the project. He understands the role QA/QC plays in his inspection responsibilities. He has performed all types of inspection services for DOT's including, maintenance of traffic, bridge construction, roadway construction, and contract administration responsibilities. He is also proficient in laboratory testing procedures including Proctors, Atterberg Limits, Sieve Analysis, Specific Gravity, Concrete Compression Testing (concrete, mortar, grout), Sulfur capping, flexural strength testing.

## ***Wayne Nieman – Construction Inspection – 30 years***

## ***James Borrenpohl – Construction Inspection – 40 years***

## ***Bridgette Kucera – Construction Inspection – 10 years***

## ***Elizabeth Glowacz, EIT– Construction Support – 5 years***

## ***Evan Baumgartner – Construction Inspection – 8 years***

## ***Jeff Dortch – Construction Inspection – 10 years***