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**Re: Missouri Local Program for Community Development LPA On-Call Services – Trails and Sidewalks Services**

Dear Mr. Voss:

Brungardt Honomichl & Co., P.A. (BHC RHODES) would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to submit this letter of interest (LOI) and qualifications to provide on-call Trails and Sidewalks Services to Local Public Agencies (LPAs).

Based on our qualifications along with our previous work experience with the Kansas Department of Transportation and other local municipalities, we believe we are the right choice to provide the LPA Program with excellent and responsive services. Our team has a group of talented and experienced technical professionals with a flexible approach to projects of this type.

**TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS SERVICES**

BHC RHODES engineers and planners have worked on the full range of trail and sidewalk design projects, including intersection design and pedestrian improvements, replacement of obsolete or under-designed sidewalks, shared use trail design and successful Safe Routes to School projects. They have also developed citywide bikeway plans, both for transportation and recreation purposes, multi-use trail design, and natural stream paths.

BHC RHODES design engineers regularly challenge themselves by working closely with other disciplines such as landscape architects and design planners, to provide comprehensive and sustainable holistic design solutions and thereby add value to the projects and exceed expected consumer experiences. BHC RHODES is equipped to offer and deliver context-sensitive solutions that benefit the environment, surrounding residents and the community as a whole. We do not stop at ADA compliance. Instead, we take current standards and think outside the box to offer an unmatched user experience that will assure the success of the project immediately following project completion and beyond. Solutions might include cost effective low-impact drainage and other green solutions.

Throughout all phases of the design, BHC RHODES will work closely with the LPAs to make sure the projects are responsive and exceed expectations, both in functionality and form. As such, BHC RHODES stands ready to become a responsive part of your Missouri Local Program On-Call Trails and Sidewalk Services team.

## PROJECT TEAM



**Tom Degenhardt, P.E., L.S., PTOE, Public Works Services Lead (LPA-certified)** – Mr. Degenhardt is a professional engineer, land surveyor and professional traffic operations engineer with twenty-four years of experience in civil engineering. His experience includes twenty years in large municipal government work with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and four years in the private sector. His experience with the City includes sixteen years of program management including street lighting, capital planning, transportation planning, asset management, street preservation, street and sidewalk design services, MoDOT coordination and land surveys. His design experience includes roadways, rural and urban highways, closed system storm drainage, multi-span bridges, box culverts, open channel drainage, retaining walls, corridor planning studies and subdivision utilities.



**Randy Gorton, P.E., Project Manager (LPA-certified)** – Mr. Gorton is a professional engineer with eighteen years of experience in civil engineering design, construction management, and public planning. His experience includes land development and site design projects, roadway design, hydrology and hydraulic analyses for road and bridge projects. He is also experienced in water and sanitary sewer system design, municipal on-call services and public planning projects.



**David Smalling, P.E., PTOE, Project Manager (LPA-certified)** – Mr. Smalling is a professional engineer with fifteen years of design experience. He has served as a traffic engineer for both municipal and private sector customers, and has performed numerous traffic impact studies, including two completed for KDOT.



**David Nolte, P.E., Project Manager (LPA-certified)** – Mr. Nolte is a professional engineer with twenty-seven years of experience in project management, design and construction of roadway, bridge, stormwater, water and sanitary sewer projects throughout the Midwest. During his career he also worked several years with a local municipality, providing insight into the priorities and constraints that local governments manage while meeting infrastructure needs of residents.

## PAST PERFORMANCE

A few examples demonstrating our ability to design roadways and provide roadway enhancements within the developed corridors include:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (YEAR)	CUSTOMER	REFERENCE AND PHONE #
• City of Grandview, MO pedestrian route planning (2013)	City of Grandview, MO	Jackie White (816) 316-4800
• Trail and sidewalk options study, connecting new casino to existing network (2012)	City of Dodge City, KS	Ray Slattery (620) 225-8106
• Pedestrian and bicycle needs assessment (2012)	City of Warrensburg, MO	Barbara Carroll (660) 747-9131
• Multi-Use trail plan to determine preferred route configuration to extend trail network (2011)	City of Dodge City, KS	Paul Lewis (620) 225-8106
• Sidewalk and trails gap study, identifying the most economical locations of new sidewalks and trails within the existing networks.	City of Leavenworth, KS	Mike McDonald (913) 684-0375

We are constantly striving to increase the value of our service to you. Following are some highlights of ways we believe we provide you with enhanced value for this project:

**Expertise** - We provide you with one of the most talented transportation and municipal design teams in the metro area, and one that is seasoned on projects in urban areas. Our team is led by Mr. Tom Degenhardt, P.E., L.S., PTOE, who serves as Public Works Services Group Leader at BHC RHODES.

**Service** - We understand we must bring solutions and support, not just designs. Providing you service includes effective and timely communication, identifying and solving problems, being responsive, and being responsible. We will strive to not only react promptly to your requests, but to also consistently anticipate your needs.

**Quality** - You expect high quality deliverables and MoDOT staff should not be burdened with QC of plans. We implement processes and checks to build quality throughout our work. Achieving superior quality is our number one company wide performance objective.

**Responsive** – BHC RHODES' team is located within a short driving distance from both the Missouri Department of Transportation offices and the LPAs in the State of Missouri. This enhances our ability to be available for staff meetings and to visit the project site to review design conditions. We will strive to anticipate your needs and be a step ahead of where you think we should be.

**Dedicated Utility Coordination** - We provide you with a very proactive solution to coordinating utility issues on your projects. We continually refine our utility coordination processes and are committed to offer you the most comprehensive utility coordination services among engineering .

There are also company-wide factors that positively influence our performance on your projects and the value we offer including:

- A progressive office environment which encourages internal communication and creative idea generation (ranked in KC Business Journal and CE News as "Best Places to Work").
- Routine design charrettes in our office with our customer's staff that allows them to be directly involved in the design process and decisions.
- Public involvement capabilities including project web site development and 3D renderings.
- Design reviews performed by senior engineers.
- Rigorous weekly management of schedule compliance on all projects.

We believe we have the expertise and capacity to do excellent work on the Missouri LPA On-Call Program - Trails and Sidewalk Services Project. We would be delighted to continue our business relationship in the way that suits you the best. I look forward to your favorable response to our proposal. You may contact me at the office at (913) 663-1900 or any time by cell phone at (816) 898-0335.

Sincerely,



Tom Degenhardt, P.E., L.S, PTOE  
Public Works Services Group Leader

# Company History



Brungardt Honomichl & Company, P.A., (BHC RHODES) was formed from modest beginnings in 1992 by three young entrepreneurs with a mission to provide telecommunication customers with value-added engineering design services, all while giving back to their community and supporting higher education.

In 2001 the corporation began going through rapid change navigating the telecom bust. Over the next six years with careful strategic planning, BHC RHODES steered a course into new engineering territory adding public works expertise followed by development, traffic, storm water and construction management services. During that time of growth and transition, the company merged with Rhodes Surveyors, Inc, a land surveying company based in Kansas, forming BHC RHODES.

Continuing upward growth momentum following the merger, BHC RHODES added LEED accredited expertise and a specialized 3D laser scanning surveying service, one of the first in the Kansas City area. By 2009 BHC RHODES expanded both Kansas office locations, opened a new office in Dodge City, Kansas and acquired the

assets of two local engineering and surveying firms. The acquisitions expanded their land records library covering counties in Kansas and Missouri, placing BHC RHODES in top position of the largest land records owned in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

In 2012 the telecommunications industry cycled back around and began to take off again, prompting BHC RHODES to expand their telecommunication services. They opened a new office in Austin, TX to better serve their customers, making this their fourth office location.

BHC RHODES has landed on numerous fastest growing company lists and has won best place to work honors. Most recently, BHC RHODES earned the title of 2014 Top Area Engineering Firms by Kansas City Business Journal and 2014 Top Area Engineering Firm in Ingram's Magazine. Future plans include continuing their focus on giving back to the community and support of higher education with the Brungardt Honomichl & Company, P.A., engineering scholarship program at Kansas State University.

# Our Unique Services



## In-House Utility Coordination - Eliminates Delays and Controls Costs

- Dedicated in-house expert with more than forty-five years of experience
- Focused coordination with constant attention to expedite progress
- Daily lists and electronic logs to keep processes moving
- Continuous contact with utility companies



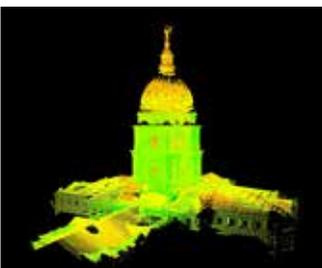
## Traffic Expertise

- Range of services includes: traffic impact studies, corridor studies, traffic signal design, roundabout design, street lighting, paving marking and signage plans, intersection improvements, and traffic calming



## Customer Development Strategist

- Review project ideas holistically to avoid problems and maximize resources
- Provides customers a more efficient use of time and money as they move a project from idea to getting the deal done



## 3D Laser Scanning - Saves Time With Laser Accuracy

Technology that can measure the immeasurable, under ground and to unreachable heights

- Versatile with precision accuracy
- Increases safety of field crews compared to conventional surveying due to the capability of surveying at a distance of 200 – 600 ft from locations such as traffic, falling debris and other on-site hazards



## In-House Telecommunications

- Twenty-two year industry experience
- Experience spans international
- Customers include: AT&T, Level 3, Williams Communications, Qwest and Time Warner

# Firm Qualifications and Capabilities



We are experienced in large and small projects. We concentrate the experience of our staff in the following market service areas: **development, public works, surveying and utilities**. Each of these service areas is led by seasoned professionals who can apply their knowledge to solve your problems.



## Commitment to Schedule and Budgets

To achieve success we utilize up-front project planning and quality management concepts to optimize in-house workflow and the quality of our deliverables.



## Internal Quality Review of Design

We encourage our engineers to challenge each other in the way we do our work to try to identify all of the issues and to generate ideas.



## Communication is Top Priority

Our project managers strive to work as an extension of your staff by keeping you informed of our progress and seeking your input for decisions.



## No Problem Service Attitude

We foster a “No Problem” service attitude to each other in our daily interactions, which is reflected in our energetic work ethic and how we deliver service to you.

# Firm Qualifications and Capabilities

Our expertise is in civil engineering design, surveying, utilities and construction services. We have licensed civil design and land surveying professionals, LEED certified engineers, technicians and administrative support located in four offices to serve you. We are:

- A leader in the metro for land development design team capabilities
- Award winning experts with reconstruction and redevelopment projects
- Leader in traffic analysis and engineering services
- Leader for volume of land records owned in the Kansas City metro area and a leader in boundary survey
- Nearly a 50 year history in surveying
- Award winning technology experts in 3D laser scanning
- Specialists in dedicated utility coordination services



## 22 Award Winning Projects

- Town Center Crossing, Leawood, KS
- Overland Park Soccer Complex, Overland Park, KS
- 127th Street Improvements, Overland Park, KS
- Apache Elementary School, Overland Park, KS
- Sporting Park, Kansas City, KS
- Plaza at the Speedway, Kansas City, KS
- Turkey Creek Diversion Tunnel, Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
- Prescott Plaza Redevelopment, Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
- Monticello Road and 95th Street Improvements, Shawnee, KS
- kclCON - Paseo Bridge Replacement Utility Relocation, Kansas City, MO
- Kansas City Power & Light District, Kansas City, MO
- St. Luke's Home Care and Hospice, Kansas City, MO
- Synergy Services Homeless Youth Campus Redevelopment, Kansas City, MO
- Webster House Parking Garage, Kansas City, MO
- Hunt Midwest Subtropolis, Kansas City and North Kansas City, MO
- Hilltop at Briarcliff, North Kansas City, MO
- Downtown Beautification, Oak Grove, MO
- Kansas University Recreation Center Expansion, Lawrence, KS
- Military Police Battalion Headquarters, Fort Riley, KS
- 14th Avenue Reconstruction, Dodge City, KS
- EN South Battalion Headquarters, Fort Carson, CO
- The Legends of Sparks Marina, Sparks, NV