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RE: R1325 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO UTILIZE A \$50,000.00 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE

Dear Mr. Corliss,

Speweik Preservation Consultants (SPC) is pleased to present our qualifications to provide the services described in your proposal request R1325.

Firm Background:

Speweik Preservation Consultants, Inc., is an Illinois Corporation established in 2009 by John Speweik, phone number: 224-856-7449, jspeweik@speweikpreservation.com. Company website is www.speweikpreservation.com. The firm is located in Elgin, Illinois.

Historic Preservation Experience & Purpose:

John Speweik is a leading U.S. expert in historic masonry preservation with 20 years of experience in this field. He is a fifth generation stonemason dating back to 1870 in Posen, Prussia. The company assists government agencies, owners of historic buildings, and architects in the preservation of historic masonry landmark buildings, monuments, and cemeteries. SPC provides hands-on educational programs to communities in order to advance the cause in appropriate restoration and repair of historic landmark properties constructed with brick and stone.

Scope of Work:

Statement of project scope: SPC proposes to develop, organize, and deliver a historic preservation educational program with a special focus on masonry restoration. The educational program would be in the form of a 2-day hands-on workshop, which would target the challenges of restoring local historic buildings. The coursework is tailored to meet the historic preservation needs of the specific community. For example, some communities may elect to focus on historic brickwork - while other communities may desire a strong emphasis on repairing historic stonework.

Schedule of costs to complete the project: SPC proposes to deliver a 2-day Historic Masonry Preservation Workshop in the City of Lawrence, Kansas. SPC would plan to work in collaboration with marketing efforts from the City of Lawrence, other agencies, universities, associations, and the local historic society.

The cost to develop and deliver the Historic Masonry Preservation Workshop.....\$16,750.00

The cost includes all technical expertise, tools, materials, handouts, and travel expenses to deliver the educational program. The logistics, marketing materials, and administrative costs associated with the educational program is not included.

Timeline for completing the project: SPC requires a minimum 6-month planning schedule to implement the educational program.

Statement of purpose in furthering historic preservation: The workshops are designed to engage participants in hands-on activities in order to build an appreciation for authentic masonry restoration techniques. Participants will also gain valuable information about harvesting existing historic material for reuse and matching brick, stone, and historic lime mortar. This knowledge helps to advance the awareness of the importance in protecting the historic character of traditional buildings. All workshops and educational programs comply with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Secretary Standards for Rehabilitation No. 5 and No. 6.

In addition, the workshop provides agency staff, building owners, and architects the confidence they need to insist on the highest quality workmanship from masonry contractors. The increased knowledge gained by participants has proven to benefit the decisions in hiring qualified contractors. Unnecessary change orders are often reduced or eliminated in the process of the work.

Statement of ability to complete project: SPC has a proven track record of delivering similar educational programs for state and local government agencies nationwide.



List projects similar in scope to the proposed project: Recent educational workshop programs include: State of Minnesota; State of Missouri; State of Indiana; City of Ames, Iowa; City of Des Moines, Iowa; and the City of Wichita, Kansas. We have attached a flyer from our workshop delivered in Ames, Iowa (image left).

Experience, Qualification, and Suitability of Project Instructor:

John Speweik will provide historic masonry instruction and workshop program. As a mason, John understands the masonry building materials from a

true hands-on perspective and can communicate his experience with the materials, means, and methods to deliver a successful project. In addition, John knows the limitations of replicating historic materials in the preservation of historic masonry architecture with the current masonry workforce available.

In addition to the projects previously highlighted, John has experience in historic stone masonry restoration that includes numerous state capitol projects: Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, WI; Old Capitol, Baton Rouge, LA; and the Washington State Capitol Campus in Olympia, WA. He frequently lectures on the subject of historic stone masonry restoration at state historic preservation conferences throughout the country and is co-author of the National Park Service Preservation Brief #2, "Repointing Mortar in Historic Masonry Buildings."