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ASLRRA Selects Companies to Provide Grant Writing Expertise to Member Short Lines

Bergmann, HDR, Inc. and R.L. Banks and Associates to be Inaugural Preferred Providers

WASHINGTON, June 13, 2018 – The American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) has tapped a number of experts to assist its member railroads in the submission of grant applications for programs currently available from the Department of Transportation (DOT), and other sources. Many of these grants, such as the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) and the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or “BUILD” discretionary grants program, formerly known as TIGER, have recently been funded for FY18 and have a very short window for submission of applications.

“The FY18 transportation appropriations bill provided unprecedented funding levels, with $1.5 Billion in BUILD grants vs. $500M in FY17 and $592 million in CRISI grants vs. $300M in FY17,” said Linda Bauer Darr, President of ASLRRA. “Our new Preferred Provider Grant Writing Center will ensure that our members are well prepared to take advantage of these funding opportunities, which can be used to maintain safe track and grow services to customers or to meet the mandate to comply with PTC.”

ASLRRA has selected the following companies as inaugural Preferred Providers:
Bergmann is a progressive, forward thinking full service, multi-disciplinary engineering and architectural firm. As a nationally recognized architecture and engineering firm with 12 offices strategically located throughout the Northeast, Midwest and Atlantic regions more than 400 talented professionals who pride themselves on the highest level of integrity, dependability, ethics and quality of work, Bergmann has long been recognized as a trusted partner and advisor for architecture, engineering, planning and program management.

HDR, Inc. (HDR) has supported over 50 projects in successful requests for federal grant programs, such as TIGER, FASTLANE, and INFRA grants. Together these projects have received over $1.5 billion in federal funds for building key transportation projects. HDR experts can help complete a grant application in its entirety, provide guidance on the application, or prepare the required benefit-cost or cost-effectiveness analysis. HDR also assists clients with the management of the contract award process, including the management of the grant in compliance with the appropriate federal regulations, and monitoring and tracking of the various grant requirements.

R.L. Banks and Associates, Inc. (RLBA), which has worked for more than 200 short line and regional railroads, in every state but Hawaii, features more than 60 years of experience in providing expert analytical and communication services to a nationwide group of clients representing every principal segment of the economy: transportation, industrial firms, financial and service institutions, agriculture, public utilities, communities and government.

ASLRRA anticipates adding additional providers over the next several weeks. Preferred Providers commit to providing exceptional service to ASLRRA members at competitive pricing.

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