

M/M Update

McKay/Moore Consultants, LLC, WBE/DBE



Editor's Note:

McKay/Moore's
Construction Cost

Estimating division is pleased to offer assistance to our clients as they streamline their budgets in a tight economy such as we've experienced in recent months and are even more motivated to watch their construction budgets more closely. An independent cost estimate can make a significant difference in a project staying on target.

Upcoming: Happy Thanksgiving!

It won't be long before Thanksgiving, then Christmas, Hanukkah, and many other holidays arrive, with the New Year hot on their heels. We want to take this opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving in particular and to say "Thank You" to all our wonderful clients!

Salute to Sonny – he HAS to be our Client of the Year!

For several years, we have worked with **Sonny Neumiller**, a Construction Analyst in the Cost Management Program at GSA's Public Building Service in Auburn, WA. (McKay/Moore provided cost consulting services to the GSA on three dozen projects between 2002 and 2008. In 2009 we were awarded a GSA Supply Schedule Contract, effective through June 3, 2014.)

Sonny rides a hand-crank bike daily to work (30 miles RT) and decided to ride the Transamerica Trail this last summer going from Yorktown, VA to Seattle, WA starting June 16th. He arrived

back in Seattle on September 2nd. What a feat! And, as he says, a trip of a lifetime.

Sonny is 52 years old and has been in a wheelchair since he broke his back in 1978, which added greater challenges on his solo journey this summer, battling hills, headwinds, and many flat tires. He pulled a trailer to hold his gear and wheelchair.

Sonny says, on his blog at www.crazyguyonabike.com, "I have been asked several times why, and there is not one answer that stands out. My journey started looking for a way to ride my handcycle through the back roads and visit the places and people who are the backbone of our country. I found the Adventure Cycles Route Network Map and knew I had to figure out a way to someday ride across America."

http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/?o=3Tzut&doc_id=5525&v=WJ

Congrats to Sonny! Glad to have you back.

Current and Future Cost Control Projects:

- McKay/Moore was on KPFF's team for the King County First Avenue Transfer Station project between 2004 and 2008 and is proud to continue providing Construction Management Services on Bow Lake Transfer Station to KPFF/King County in 2009. Services include **document control** and **construction cost advice**.

"The King County Solid Waste Division is constructing a new transfer and recycling station at the site of the existing Bow Lake Transfer and Recycling Station in Tukwila and on adjacent property to the north that the division purchased for this project."

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/bowlake/index.asp>

- Starting soon: Cost Estimating Services to TetraTech on the Landsburg Facility Development Project for Seattle Public Utilities. SPU approved a Watershed and Transmission Facilities Master Plan, which recommends that SPU initiate capital improvements and buildings maintenance at its regional facilities, which are deteriorating and no longer meet operational requirements. The utility also provides public access to the Landsburg Park, a kayak course on the river and accessibility to a planned new hatchery scheduled to begin construction in late 2009 or early 2010. The property is registered as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. We look forward to being a part of this worthwhile project!
- News: AHBL was recently selected as the most highly qualified team for the Fort Lewis Civil/ Environmental IDIQ. We will be cost estimators on their project team.

Reminder:

McKay/Moore does accept credit card payments for services. Please let us know if you prefer this payment option. It may be a practical alternative, especially in these difficult financial times.

Remote Secretarial Services:

Recent Projects:

- Word processing services to The Mountaineers <http://www.mountaineers.org/> as they update and re-issue some of their invaluable resource material: 30,000 word book, *Northwest Foraging*, in late summer. Just finished 45,000 word *Mountaineers' Handbook: The Techniques of Mountain Climbing*. Fun!

- Starting a project this week for Mirror Sound Studios <http://www.mirrorsound.com>, gathering contact information for local bands and emailing out client information. Again, a very fun project.
- Speaking of fun, one of our favorite clients is Classic Parade Floats <http://www.classicparadefloats.com/>, which for 20 years has designed and built – of course – parade floats. It is a branch of Group W Designs, which also encompasses Holiday Traditions, which designs and installs wonderful holiday decorations for casinos, trade shows, convention centers, and many other spaces. We have worked with owners Paul and Brian Wilds for the last three years, providing ongoing administrative support, including, of all things, email communications regarding the design, construction, and shipment of parade floats to Dubai, United Arab Emirates! This job never gets boring!!

Rates for Administrative Services:

For now, we are putting a price freeze in place for both new and existing clients, due to the difficult economy. Take advantage of the temporary extension of 2009 rates into 2010! There is a minimum ½ hour charge for word processing and other general administrative assistance. All other services are a minimum 1-hour charge. All projects are billed in ¼ hour increments after the first hour.

General Administrative Assistance (incl. word processing, spreadsheets, formatting, scanning, etc.) \$29.00 per hour (Min. charge: ½ hour per task request)
Other Services: (Min. charge: 1 hour per task / job request)
Tape Transcription \$34.00 per hour
Computer Consulting \$37.00 per hour
Website Design \$63.00 per hour
Website Maintenance \$53.00 per hour

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