

M/M Update

McKay/Moore Construction Cost Control Consultants (WBE/DBE)

Editor's Note:

McKay/Moore now in 7th year

By Pat Moore

Since McKay/Moore was founded in early 1996 -- just over seven years ago -- we have provided cost estimating services to dozens of firms, primarily in the architectural and construction industries, in both public and private sectors.

My estimating team and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the future.

We have also provided various administrative services, ranging from typing proposals and invoices for small local construction contractors to tape transcriptions of everything from insurance interviews and home inspections to confidential medical and legal records.

Adding to the variety, building on my four years of experience as McKay/Moore's Webmaster, I began providing website maintenance services earlier this year. Both on the estimating side and on the administrative side of our business, the range and diversity of work has kept things interesting and challenging in 2003.

What have we been up to?

A sampling of estimating projects:

- General Services Administration, various projects: Nakamura Courthouse Renovation (including Estimate Review and LEED* Scorecard, various options for secure underground judicial parking at the historic (1939) Nakamura Courthouse as well as a Terra Cotta Inspection of the same, Sumas Border Crossing Parking Lot, budget for a new leased office building for the INS, a VA Mail-Order Pharmacy,

Sewer Lift Station Modifications (renovation of two existing pump stations constructed in 1970 and modifications to a sump pump located at a GSA warehouse center), Bellingham Federal Building (estimate for bringing the building up to current building, energy and handicap access codes).

- New client URS Corporation, Communications Integration System Estimate.
- New client Tom Roth & Associates Inc. PS, Seattle Parks Comfort Station Remodels.

The **LEED Green Building Rating System™ is a priority program of the US Green Building Council. It is a building rating system designed to evaluate environmental performance from a "whole building" perspective over a building's life cycle. See the [U.S. Green Building Council](http://www.usgbc.org/) website at <http://www.usgbc.org/> for a more complete overview of the LEEDS program.*

Administrative (word processing, tape transcription, computer consulting, website maintenance) projects:

- Ongoing production of proposals and invoices for Creative Builders Co. [See article below]. Visit their website at <http://www.creativebuildersco.com/>
- Transcription of taped confidential dissertation interviews.
- Ongoing computer consulting and administrative assistance to Sullivan Builders.
- Website maintenance for the Northwest Alliance for Psychoanalytic Study [<http://www.nwaps.org>] including uploading excerpts from quarterly newsletter (PDF), periodic

updates and modifications, and regular submissions to search engines.

Upcoming:

- Estimating: On KPFF's team for the King County Metro Transit project; ongoing work on Bellingham Federal Building/Courthouse for General Services Administration.
- Administrative: Ongoing projects as mentioned above, plus transcriptions and word processing for new clients including a writer/performer for Late Night Catechism and various mental health professionals (confidentiality assured) – *variety is the spice of life, right?* ☺

This issue's Featured Client:



"John A. Babarovich founded Creative Builders Co. in 1989 as a sole proprietorship. With more than 30 years experience in all aspects of carpentry and construction, Babarovich serves as president of the company and specializes in remodels and interior finish work.

"From small projects to complete renovations, Creative Builders Co. has experience in remodels, custom residential, commercial new construction, waterproof decks, window replacement, door replacement, second story additions, mother in law apartments, earthquake retro fitting, rot repair, rot replacement, Louisiana Pacific siding removal/replacement and any insurance repairs required after sustaining fire, water, earthquake, or other damage.

"Creative Builders Co., prides itself on being considerate, conscientious, and timely, adhering to the highest standards of quality in craftsmanship, attention to detail and client satisfaction. The company employs hard-working people with integrity so these core

values come through in the work they perform whether the project is worth \$5,000 or \$500,000." *

** Quote from Creative Builders' website at <http://www.creativebuildersco.com/>*

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Thanks for the help:

- *Thanks to Jana Hanford for stepping forward to help when we were looking for a consultant for a proposed ADA review.*
- *Thanks to consultant Kent Lake of Northwest Masonry & Restoration, Inc., for his very detailed and professional report on the inspection of the Nakamura Courthouse terra cotta façade, complete with photographs and other supporting information, conclusions, and recommendations. We hope to work with Kent again in the future.*

Did you know?

McKay/Moore can now accept credit card payments for services. Several clients have already taken advantage of this convenience. Please let us know if you prefer this payment option.

Schedule:

Please note that I will be out of the office from Labor Day through September 10th. Assuming I am within range of cell phone reception, you can reach me during that time at (206) 818-9543. I will have consultants in place to handle all current and upcoming estimating work. If any clients foresee they will require administrative assistance, please let me know before the end of August and I will make arrangements for it.

-- Pat