



November 5, 2002

Mr. Karl C. Wetherholt, P.E.
City Engineer
City of Gahanna
200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

RE: Fee Proposal for Right of Way Acquisition Services
Ogden Alley Reconstruction

Dear Mr. Wetherholt:

M-E Companies is pleased to submit the following fee proposal to provide the right of way acquisition services specified in your meeting with Mr. Kelvyn Moyer of our office on this date.

The following proposal assumes that acquisition services will be required for eight properties. All property interests to be acquired will be by fee title and require full closings, including releases of mortgage/liens, proration of taxes, and recording of deeds. Accordingly, a full title search will be required to determine accurate ownership interests and insure proper transfer of title including release of easements and mortgage/liens of record. It is also assumed that all parcels can be accommodated with the value analysis format, which is generally utilized for simplistic takings where the anticipated award is under \$5,000. In the event that negotiations prove unsuccessful for a required interest, it will likely be necessary to prepare a more thorough appraiser for purposes of condemnation proceedings. Any additional fee associated with this additional appraisal work is not included within the fee schedule below.

Based on these assumptions, our fee proposal for the eight (8) affected properties is as follows:

Function	Number	Each	Total
42-year title search	8	\$350	\$ 2,800
Value Analyses	8	\$400	\$ 3,200
Preparation of Acquisition Package	8	\$ 90	\$ 720
Negotiations	8	\$950	\$ 7,600
Title Update for Closing	8	\$ 75	\$ 600
Closing and Recording	8	\$350	\$ 2,800
Acquisition Management	8	\$100	\$ 800
Total Fee for Services			\$18,250

Please know that we are excited about the opportunity of working with the City of Gahanna. We are currently providing right of way acquisition services for the Cities of Hilliard, Dublin, Westerville, and the Columbus Municipal Airport Authority and would encourage you to contact them regarding the quality and timeliness of our services. We are prepared to start work immediately upon authorization by your office.

EXHIBIT A