**Attachment F.**

**Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

Project Manager:

Bruce Hasbargen, PE

County Engineer

Beltrami County

To become licensed, engineers must complete a four-year college degree, work under a Professional Engineer for at least four years, pass two intensive competency exams and earn a license from their state's licensure board. Then, to retain their licenses, PEs must continually maintain and improve their skills throughout their careers.

Beltrami County is the Fiscal Agent/Administrator

Beltrami County is in North Central Minnesota. The County has over 116,000 acres of lakes and 459,000 acres of state forest lands. It contains a portion of the Chippewa National Forest. The county is a hub of outdoor sport and recreation. It is comprised of 86 townships and contains portions of two Indian reservations, Red Lake and Leech Lake. The larger cities in Beltrami County include: Bemidji (County Seat), Blackduck and Kelliher. The county is an outdoor recreation destination. Bemidji is a thriving arts community.

Governance:

County Administrator Kay Mack

Five County Commissioners

Auditor/Treasurer JoDee Treat

Nine departments/ department heads

Lady Slipper Scenic Byway, Inc is the Project Sponsor

The Lady Slipper Scenic Byway, Inc, is a citizen driven, all volunteer non-profit organization that has a long history of receiving federal and state funding for a number of projects. In addition to funding for the design phase of this pedestrian/bicycle bridge project, other projects include Corridor Management and Vegetative Management planning, RAC (Resource Advisory Committee) funding for a multi-year showy lady's slipper rescue/restoration project on the highway during reconstruction, and a Transportation Enhancement grant for two interpretive sites along the byway. The interpretive site project was administered by Beltrami County Highway Department. The group has worked very closely with Beltrami County and the County Engineer over the last 12 years on many of the above-mentioned projects.

LSSB has worked very hard over the years to preserve the natural beauty and history of this area. The group feels that improving safety and opportunities for recreation are important goals as well.

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Byway Board is to guide the development of a Corridor Management plan and oversee its implementation by establishing partnerships among individuals and organizations to ensure that the values of the community are being incorporated into the creation and management of

the Byway.

**Our Vision** is to enhance the experience of visitors, the quality of life for residents and the economic vitality of the community by preserving and improving the byway corridor’s intrinsic resources.