APPENDIX B

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

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FOR
ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT
PORTER ROAD, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE
Contract No. 91-061-10

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This project involves an architectural resource survey and evaluation along Porter Road between SR 896 and SR 72 in New Castle County, approximately 2 1/2 miles. Transportation improvements at this location will occur within a 120-foot right of way centered about the existing roadway centerline. According to the DelDOT project description, at least two architectural resources will require investigation within the project area, and an unspecified number of additional resources may, if determined over 50 years of age, also require survey and evaluation. For purposes of this proposal, it is assumed that a total of ten (10) architectural resources will be recorded and evaluated.

The architectural resource assessment will involve the following tasks:

1. Identify all architectural resources listed in, nominated to or previously determined eligible for the National and State Registers of Historic Places; resources included in BAHP inventories and prior cultural resource reports, the Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record; and resources which may be recorded in pertinent local or county inventories.

2. Conduct a thorough search of pertinent historical and architectural literature pertaining to the project area to obtain a basic understanding of the developmental and architectural history of the project area. Major repositories will include the Hall of Records, Dover, the Historical Socity of Delaware Library, Wilmington, and, as appropriate, local libraries.

3. Contact knowledgeable professional and avocational historians/architectural historians who may have knowledge of the project area; contact appropriate officials or agencies having jurisdiction over or interest in properties of local or regional importance.

4. Conduct a comprehensive vehicular survey of the area of potential effect, supplemented as necessary with pedestrian survey.

5. Prepare a comprehensive photographic inventory of the built environment and setting of the area of potential effect, obtaining at least one view of each property clearly or likely to be over 50 years of age. Properties less than 50 years of age will to be photographically recorded (individually, in groups or in streetscapes) to the extent necessary to clearly convey their nature. All photographs will be keyed to USGS maps or, if necessary due to density, on maps of larger scale.

6. Locate those properties or areas listed in, nominated to or eligible for the National Register, and identify those additional properties which appear to meet one or more National Register criteria or which require further work to assess National Register eligibility.

7. Investigate each property which potentially meets one or more National Register criteria, to the extent necessary to fully describe and photographically record existing character and features, define the nature and extent of alterations (integrity), and define the boundaries of the resource.

8. Conduct detailed site-specific historical research to the extent necessary to support a professional opinion concerning National Register eligibility.

9. Evaluate each property according to National Register Criteria. The evaluation will be an explicit statement of which Criteria are met, and how they are met. The evaluation will also include a statement describing and justifying the boundaries of the resource. If a property does not appear to meet one or more National Register Criteria, this finding will be explicitly stated and justified.

10. Prepare a report presenting the results of the intensive survey in accordance with the Delaware SHPO's Guidelines for Architectural and Archaeological Surveys, to include completed Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) forms for all inventoried resources, and Determination of Eligibility Forms forms for properties meeting the Criteria. Three (3) copies of the draft report will be submitted to DelDOT for review and comment. The final report, revised as necessary to address all comments, will be submitted to DelDOT in three (3) copies, one with original photographs.

LBA will initiate work on this project within five working days following receipt of written notice to proceed. Background research, field investigation and site-specific research will be completed within two weeks following initiation of the work. Draft deliverables will be submitted within four weeks following completion of the research and field effort. Final deliverables will be submitted within two weeks following receipt of all comments.

Completion of this project will be supervised by Martha H. Bowers, Project Manager.