

The Editor's Pen

'You Got Mail'

By By C.D.Long

America On Line (AOL), the internet provider, used to run a commercial using the phrase "YOU GOT MAIL", this was their way of alerting you that you had received another e-mail. In my childhood days you got mail when Willie and Pearlle Brashears pulled

up in their old black 1939 Chevrolet, and he either placed your mail in your mailbox or if you were willing to be at your mailbox, in your hand.

If memory serves me correctly, Will, that is how we referred to him, was a large framed man, heavy set, always wearing what I refer to as a Humphrey Bogart type of hat. Invariably he would have a chew of tobacco in his jaw. I remember he would pull up in the afternoon, shoot a stream of tobacco juice out the rolled down car window, sort through the handful of letters he would be holding, reach yours to you, maybe make some small talk and be on his way.

In the days, 1950's, when none of the roads in the Calaboose area were blacktopped, some of them had very little gravel, Will was as dependable as the Sun, and lived up to the Postal Service's motto. He had a certain time to come through' in the morning and a set 'time to come through in the afternoon.

A big deal is made nowadays about customer satisfaction, a lot of places should take a page out of Will's customer service manual. We had a little stove pipe shaped, red in color mail box nailed to the side of a Locust tree by the roadside. Whenever Mom would write a letter to one of her boys or other family members, which was just about every week, and didn't have a stamp, no problem. She would simply place the letter in our mail box along with the three cents, or five cents if it was to be sent

Air Mail to Jim when he was in the Army. Will would take the letter and the money, get the stamp at the post office in Campton see that the letter was sentg out. As I have written about in another essay, Mom and Dad sold cream skimmed from cow's milk. Some times it wasn't possible for her tol take the cream to the cream station in town. She would be waiting at our mail box in the morning as Will would come through, he would take her bucket of cream, drop it off at the cream station , In the afternoon he would bringb the bucket back along withg the check for the cream to Mom who would be waiting at the mailbox.

Willie and Pearlle Brashears were kind and gentle people, but they are just ttwo of the numerous people from my childhood that left a lasting impression on me. Their neighborliness and sincere kindness

I will always remember, One final thought, I guess times were simpler then and things have definitely changed, but kindness and neighborliness should never go out of style.

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Request for Bids (RFB): Historic Window Replacement Project

Request for Bids (RFB): Solar Photovoltaic Installation Project

Project Title: Solar PV Installation – 63.8 kW System

Location: Wolfe County Courthouse 16 Court Street Campton, KY 41301

Bid Due Date: August 12th, 2025 1:00pm

Issuing Agency: Wolfe County Fiscal Court

1. Project Overview

Wolfe County Fiscal Court is soliciting sealed bids for the design-compliant installation of a **63.8 kW solar photovoltaic system**, consisting of:

- 116 PV modules (modules compliant with SHPO and BABA requirements)
- 60 optimizers
- 1 inverter

This system represents the final design approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and must be installed in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements.

2. Scope of Work

The selected contractor will be responsible for:

- Procurement and delivery of BABA-compliant equipment
- Installation of 116 PV modules, 60 optimizers, and 1 inverter
- Electrical connections and interconnection with existing systems
- Commissioning and testing of the system
- Coordination with utility provider for net metering (if applicable)
- Ensuring all labor and materials meet current SHPO, NEC, and AHJ regulations

3. Federal Compliance Requirements

3.1 Build America, Buy America (BABA) Requirements

This project is funded in part with federal assistance and is subject to the Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials must be **produced in the United States** as defined under BABA guidelines unless a waiver is obtained.

Bidders must certify their ability to comply with BABA standards. Supporting documentation (e.g., country-of-origin certificates) must be included in the bid.

3.2 Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) Requirements

This project is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (DBA). All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors must be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Contractors shall:

- Submit certified payroll records
- Comply with labor classification requirements
- Ensure subcontractor compliance

4. Contractor Qualifications

Bidders must demonstrate:

- Valid state electrical contractor license
- Experience with at least 3 similar-sized PV installations
- Familiarity with historic property requirements (if applicable)
- Proof of bonding, liability insurance, and worker's comp coverage

5. Submission Requirements

Please include the following in your bid:

- Company profile and licensing information
- Itemized cost proposal (equipment, labor, permitting, etc.)
- Timeline for completion
- Compliance certifications (BABA, DBA)
- Three references for past solar projects

Submit bids in sealed envelopes to:

Wolfe County Fiscal Court
PO Box 429 Campton, KY 41301

For more information contact the Wolfe County Judge Executive's office at (606) 668-3040 or wolfeco@mrtc.com

6. Selection Criteria

Bids will be evaluated based on:

- Cost
- Compliance with BABA and DBA
- Contractor qualifications and experience
- Schedule/timeline
- Responsiveness to bid specifications

Request for Bids (RFB): Historic Window Replacement Project

Project Title: Window Replacement – SHPO – Compliant Design

Location: Wolfe County Courthouse 16 Court Street Campton, KY 41301

Bid Due Date: August 12th, 2025 1:00pm

Issuing Agency: Wolfe County Fiscal Court

1. Project Overview

Wolfe County Fiscal Court is seeking qualified contractors to replace 63 windows in accordance with the final design approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This project involves the removal of existing windows and the installation of historically appropriate, energy-efficient replacements that fully comply with local codes and preservation standards. This project is funded in part with federal assistance and is subject to Build America, Buy America (BABA) and Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) compliance requirements.

2. Scope of Work

The selected contractor will be responsible for:

- Removing and properly disposing of 63 existing windows
- Procuring and installing 63 replacement windows in accordance with the SHPO-approved design
- Matching historical appearance, profiles, and materials per SHPO requirements
- Providing temporary protection to prevent weather intrusion and damage to interiors
- Sealing, insulating, and finishing each window opening
- Ensuring full compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

3. Federal Compliance Requirements

3.1 Build America, Buy America (BABA)

This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project must be produced in the United States unless a waiver has been granted.

Bidders must:

- Certify compliance with BABA
- Provide documentation demonstrating domestic origin of windows and all other relevant construction materials
- Ensure subcontractor and supplier compliance with BABA provisions

3.2 Davis-Bacon Act (DBA)

The Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) applies to this project. All laborers and mechanics employed must be paid prevailing wages as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Contractor requirements include:

- Using wage rates applicable to the project location and type
- Submitting certified weekly payrolls
- Ensuring all subcontractors adhere to DBA wage requirements
- Complying with labor classification and reporting rules

4. Contractor Qualifications

All bidders must provide:

- Valid contractor license
- Demonstrated experience with SHPO-approved or historic preservation window replacement
- Familiarity with federal compliance (DBA and BABA)
- Proof of insurance and bonding (minimum thresholds: Commercial General Liability Insurance)
- Three relevant references from similar projects

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- Timeline for completion
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6. Evaluation Criteria

Bids will be reviewed based on the following factors:

- Cost effectiveness
- Adherence to SHPO-approved specifications
- Demonstrated experience with historic buildings
- Compliance with BABA and DBA requirements
- Timeline for completion
- Quality and completeness of bid documents