The Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia is collecting written proposals from qualified individuals and firms to provide a feasibility study for the building known as the “Historic Ashe Street Courthouse,” located at Ashe Street in Johnson City, TN.

The contractor will be responsible for completing a study for the rehabilitation or adaptive re-use of the building. The study is intended to provide the property owner with the resources necessary to make an informed decision regarding the feasibility of the project in its preliminary stages, and may include but are not limited to:

- Building condition assessment – construction methods, building envelope (roof, walls, windows, etc.), HVAC, electrical, plumbing, structural, exterior and interior finishes, materials/construction in all of the building’s phases of renovation and analysis of said materials/construction
- Proposed uses for the building including description of how well each proposed option fits the current condition of the building and how well it might fit a restored, historic post office/courthouse, what systems would need to be modified/augmented/replaced for each proposed use
- Cost estimates
- Green technology potential
- Funding strategies
- Pro-forma analysis

The building is currently undergoing consideration for the National Register of Historic Places under the criterion of Government and Architecture for its Beaux Arts style façade.
All proposals MUST include a qualification section where interested parties describe their prior experience with this type of work and list who is expected to work on the study and why they would be chosen to complete the work.

All work on this project is to be completed by June 14, 2021.

Coordinate any visits to the building with the office of Washington County Mayor Joe Grandy. Please direct all proposals and questions to Anne G’Fellers-Mason, Executive Director of the Heritage Alliance.

An estimate for the cost of the study MUST be included with the proposal.

Proposals are due to the Heritage Alliance no later than 5:00 PM EST on December 14, 2020, via mail or email.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

In 1911, the building opened its doors as the first Postal Savings Bank in the state of Tennessee, part of an experimental program initiated by President Howard Taft. It served as a post office, courthouse, and emergency service center throughout the 20th century.

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