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R&L CONSULTING CLIENT AWARDED MAJOR FEDERAL GRANT

FORT DOBBS RECEIVES \$150,000 GRANT

R&L Consulting is pleased to announce that one of its clients was awarded a 2008 grant from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** *Museums for America* program. *Museums for America* is the nation's largest federal funding program for museums.

In the last five years, R&L Consulting has written six successful IMLS proposals that received maximum funding of \$150,000. Reviewed by panels of professional peers, these grants are highly competitive.

"Fort Dobbs State Historic Site is thrilled to receive the \$150,000 maximum grant award from IMLS Museums for America," said Beth Hill, Historic Site Manager. "As a result of the grant, **Fort Dobbs is able to proceed with the historic site's development and implement the core components of its Strategic Plan.** In addition, thanks to the grant award, Fort Dobbs is now recognized on a national stage which further strengthens the site's support locally, statewide and throughout the US. *It is a new day for Fort Dobbs!*"

"Alan and A.J. were absolutely terrific to work with, providing insight and leadership throughout the process. Their professional experience enabled them to help set solid goals, prepare an appropriate budget, and create an exceptional narrative supporting the grant application."

Fort Dobbs, located in Statesville, North Carolina, received funding for a multiyear period restoration project designed to enhance the historical and interpretive potential of the State's only French and Indian War historic site. Fort Dobbs will use its grant to support the creation of conceptual drawings for the restoration of the 1756 fort structure. The project coincides with the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War, and complements efforts to engage in new historical interpretation.

R&L Consulting is a consulting firm that specializes in working with museums. Its principals have over 40 years of combined experience working with museums and non-profit organizations.

R&L Consulting has a successful track record of securing funding for its clients from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, state arts and humanities councils, and many other government, corporate and private foundation sources.

Other recent successful proposals include:

- 2008 – Long Island Children’s Museum (Garden City, NY), **Promising Practice Award** from the Association of Children’s Museums and MetLife Foundation.
- 2007 – C.M. Russell Museum (Great Falls, MT), **National Endowment for the Humanities awarded grant of \$375,000** for development and installation of new permanent exhibition, *The Bison*.

With a roster of **nationally acclaimed** clients, R&L Consulting provides specialized services in grantwriting, research of potential funding sources, program & exhibition development and evaluation.

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