



**Trail Solutions LLC**

# **Contractor Qualifications**

For

**Proposals**

## **Contractor Qualifications**

Sages Trail Solutions LLC (SAGES) is a Limited Liability Corporation with office based in Texas. Physical address and contact details:

103 N Victoriana Cir  
The Woodlands, Tx 77389  
713-628-4996  
[cj.bernard@sagessolutions.com](mailto:cj.bernard@sagessolutions.com)

SAGES was formed in 2001 in Lafayette, LA offering Environmental Services and was established in Texas in 2016 offering Trail Services. Christopher James (C.J.) Bernard has been the owner and manager since the corporation has been established.

Sages Employer Identification Number is: 82-3223680  
Texas LLC Certificate number below: 802842150

SAGES provides a full line of service levels for Recreational Trails including the following.

- Planning and Education
- Design and Layout
- Build
- Maintain

At SAGES TRAIL SOLUTIONS LLC, we specialize in incorporating user features for every desired trail experience sought. Hiking, Biking, Horseback riding and Runners are our prime trail users and target stakeholders. From quiet tucked away nooks and crannies to multi-level challenge features, our trail systems seek to appeal to all user groups giving multi-experience options that will keep users coming back for more!

We want users to feel refreshed, exhilarated and to get their adrenaline pumping if that is their desire!!!!

### **Personnel**

SAGES has extensive hands-on experiences providing various types of trail services and solutions and is also qualified through educational, vocational and personal experiences for successfully delivering on all of our client's expectations.

**Christopher James (CJ) Bernard** serves as President and owner of SAGES.

CJ loves the outdoors and is an accomplished woodsman. Growing up on farms and enjoying camping, hunting and fishing in the southern US, he worked for 10 years in industry before going for his BS degree, he has a practical approach to developing solutions and on delivering on expectations.

### **CJ's select qualifications include:**

- BS Degree in Biology with Minor in Forestry w/course work in the following areas:
  - Surveying and Drainage
  - Urban and Regional Recreational Planning
  - Soils
  - Environmental Management
  - Wetland Ecology
  - Wildlife Management
  - Various-Pre-Forestry courses

- Registered Environmental Manager (National Registry of Env. Professionals)
- Member American Trails Association
- Member Professional Trail Builders Association (PTBA)
- Member International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)

**Related course work from PTBA and IMBA conferences and symposiums:**

- Terrain Dynamics for Trail Folks
- Fundamentals of Trail Design & Layout
- Stages of Trail Design & Layout
- Guidelines for Quality Trail Experiences
- Strategic Planning for Great Mountain Bike Trails
- Trail Equipment

**Related course work from US Forestry Service (USFS):**

- Heavy Equipment Operations Certification (***Certified for US Gov Lands***)
  - Trail Dozer Operation and Maintenance
  - Mini Excavator Operation and Maintenance
- Chain Saw Certification
- ATV Certification

CJ also served on the Board of Directors of **Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association (GHORBA.ORG)** as the Vice President and Trails Director for ~ 5 years and has gained a multitude of other trail building and remediation related experiences and has built relationships with local trail users and land managers.

**Charles Convert** serves as a partner in the firm.

Charles is a licensed and certified engineer, trail builder with a passion for riding.

He has been working in collaboration with SAGES for the last 4 years designing, remediating and building multiuse trails. He has been riding in Texas, Utah, Nevada, California, Mexico and, in the French Alps where he was raised. He has ridden in cross country competitions, flow trails and various other trail systems. Trails he has experienced across the continent and has been involved in all stages of building, have allowed him to gain solid knowledge of current trail development practices plus a real feel for what today's user demand.

He has acquired knowledge of the Texas landscape, ground characteristics and weather conditions essential for designing and constructing sustainable trails and trail features. He is an Engineer by trade and has successfully managed for the last 7 years the engineering and design of large multidisciplinary projects from feasibility to detail engineering and provided project and construction support. He has the knowledge of the tools and techniques required to deliver modern engineering and design.

## Project Descriptions and References

CJ has been involved with and provided trail related services 1<sup>st</sup> in the State of Louisiana, abroad in Malaysia and China and then where he currently resides, in the state of Texas.

Below are listings of related projects followed by corresponding references.

Additional project details can be found on the company website ([www.sagestrailsolutions.com](http://www.sagestrailsolutions.com)) along with photos showing stages of work and completed projects.

---

### **American Sportsman LLC (employed in 95-97)**

- Managed several tracts of land in Louisiana for recreational activities for members.
- Mapped and installed signage on 75++ miles of hiking trails, motorized trails and fire roads on 5 different tracts of leased lands for recreational activities.
- Repaired and remediated multiple sections including reroutes, armouring and bridge and crossing construction.

### **Willis & Suire Forestry Consultants (SAGES)**

- Multiple Recreational Trail Projects
  - Performed trail layout design and re-routing along with trail building, clearing and periodic maintenance and remediation.
  - Built handicap access bridges, walkways and deck areas along scenic areas and waterways within and along the trail systems.

### **Malaysia Private Land Holdings (Volunteer)**

- Hiking and Hashing Trail Projects on the Island of Borneo Miri, Malaysia.
  - Trained local trail enthusiasts in IMBA and USFS Trail construction standards and assisted in new layout, and in repair/remediation techniques
  - Performed several trail reroutes and related remediation and construction projects
  - Performed trail armouring and water crossing projects

### **GHORBA (Volunteer)**

- Trail remediation and repairs projects
  - Sam Houston National Forest- 12 miles of trail remediation and repairs from neglect and non-use and from hurricane damage. Repaired and armoured 6 major and 8 minor drainage crossings
  - Repaired multiple trail systems (9) in the Houston from damages caused by Tax Day and Harvey floods. These included trails clearing and clean up, tread repairs and raising above grade elevation.
- Design, Layout and Build
  - In design and layout phase for The Woodlands Township for 3 miles of multi-use trails.

### **Bayou Land Conservancy- (SAGES was Primary Contractor 100%- No Deadlines)**

- Spring Creek Nature Trail (N Houston Area) (work done in 2017, 2018 and 2019)
  - Trail final layout and corridor and tread build
  - Reroutes around erosion prone areas
  - Remediation and Repairs of previously rutted and eroded areas
  - Design and installation of a compacted crushed concrete causeway over a section containing construction debris.
- Little Cypress Preserve (N Houston Area) (work done in 2019)
  - Designed Constructed and installed a Trail Kiosk

**Indigo Lakes Estates (Sages Primary 100%- 180 day deadline- completed in 120 days)  
(work done 11-2020 through 03-2021)**

- Community Equestrian Trail Repairs and Improvements (Magnolia Texas)
  - Repaired 5 of the 7 miles of trails that were moderately to severely eroded
  - Installed 21 hardened drainage/creek crossings
  - Installed / Revised 25 + water management / diversion structures
  - Repaired / Revised adjacent drainage systems to minimize impact to trail
  - Built up 12 + low spots totalling ¼ mile of trail tread area

**The Woodland Hills Community (Sages Primary 100% No Deadline) (work done 3-2021  
and is still active)**

- Multi-Use Nature Trail (Conroe Texas)
  - Trail Design, Layout and Construction (5 miles to date)
  - 2 Timber Bridges (One 40 foot and one 20 foot)
  - 14 hardened drainage crossings
  - 0.5 mile total of tread build up sections

**Caldwell Development Company (Sages Primary 100% No Deadline (work done 8-2021  
and is still active)**

- Multi-Use Trail Bridges(Conroe Texas)
  - 8 Timber Bridges (From 40 foot to 16 foot)
  - Bridge abutment repairs

**Camp Cho Yeh Livingston TX (Sages Primary 100%)**

- Repaired and improved 1 mile of trail system

**Frontera Resort Trail System Marfa TX (Sages Primary 100%) Ongoing**

- Provided trail design, layout and construction consultation services for 7 miles of trails in the Davis Mountain region.

**Memorial Park Conservancy Houston TX (Sages Primary 100%)**

- Sages repaired and improved many sections of trails in the Memorial Park Trail System. Work included, removing and replacing several bridges with interlocking paver hardened crossings, installing water diversions on erosion prone fall line trails, improving drainage across and around trail to prevent standing water on trails tread, adding milled asphalt to depression areas on trail and various other "as directed" projects.

**USFS C57 Trail Bridge Repair Project Huntsville TX (Sages Primary 100%)**

- Repaired failed Sutter abutment on 60' FRP bridge
- Replaced decking on bridge

**Houston Parks Board (sub contractor to Times Construction)**

- Built 4 miles of natural surface trails.
- Installed 12 wick craft bridges (20' to 8')
- Installed 6 revetment paver hardened crossings

- Installed 1 mile of helical pile & cable boundary fence

## **References**

### **For Louisiana related projects and services:**

#### **American Sportsman LLC**

Company is out of business and no known contacts available.

#### **Willis & Suire Forestry Consultants LLC**

671 Dry Bayou Rd  
Washington, LA 70589

Jeff Willis (337) 254-4811 jeffww2001@yahoo.com

Daniel Suire (337) 658-9662 dnlsuire@yahoo.com

### **For Malaysia related projects:**

Wim Van Vliet +60 19 885 6514 wimvanvliet123@hotmail.com

### **For Texas related projects and services:**

#### **Bayou Land Conservancy**

281 576-1634

Suzanne Simpson Land Stewardship Director (Prime Contact)  
Becky Martinez Conservation Director

#### **Indigo Lakes Estates**

Ann Petry, President (PAST)  
2020 ILE Board of Directors  
[annbpetry@gmail.com](mailto:annbpetry@gmail.com); [Ann Petry <ann.petry.ilepoa@gmail.com>](mailto:ann.petry.ilepoa@gmail.com)  
281-748-9041

#### **The Woodland Hills**

Kelly Dietrich | Senior Project Manager  
**The Howard Hughes Corporation®**  
[281.719.6162](tel:281.719.6162) direct | [936.672.2245](tel:936.672.2245) mobile  
[kelly.dietrich@howardhughes.com](mailto:kelly.dietrich@howardhughes.com)

## Caldwell Cos.

Jerry Hlozek  
Project Manager  
281.455.8723  
[jhlozek@caldwellcos.com](mailto:jhlozek@caldwellcos.com)

## Camp Cho Yeh



**Chris Radloff**  
Senior Director of Compass and Recreation, Camp Cho-Yeh  
(936) 243- 4907 | [chrisr@cho-yeh.org](mailto:chrisr@cho-yeh.org)  
[www.cho-yeh.org](http://www.cho-yeh.org)  
2200 S Washington, Livingston, TX 77351

## USFS



**William Zane Peavy, P.E.**  
Regional Bridge Engineer

Forest Service  
Southern Region

p: 936-639-8573  
c: 936-208-8835  
[William.Peavy@usda.gov](mailto:William.Peavy@usda.gov)

2221 North Raguet St.  
Lufkin, TX 75904  
[www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)



Caring for the land and serving people



**Nick Vozzo**  
Contract Specialist  
Forest Service  
Procurement-Property Svcs (PPS)  
Field Procurement Operations  
East CSA #11, Construction/A-E

p: 601-965-1639  
f: 601-965-1788  
[nicholas.vozzo@usda.gov](mailto:nicholas.vozzo@usda.gov)

6425 Lakeover Road, Ste A.  
Jackson, MS 39213  
[www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)



Caring for the land and serving people

**Heather Spencer**  
**Trails Coordinator**

**Forest Service**

**National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, Sam Houston Ranger District**

p: 936-344-6205

c: 936-707-1265

f: 936-344-2123

[heather.spencer@usda.gov](mailto:heather.spencer@usda.gov)

394 FM 1375 West  
New Waverly, TX 77358

[www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)



**Caring for the land and serving people**

***For personal reference;***

Derrick W. Lewis  
13247 Stonecrest Lane  
Conroe, Texas 77302  
936 446 2829



## **Project Photos**

For detailed photos and descriptions please go to the company website at [www.sagestrailsolutions.com](http://www.sagestrailsolutions.com).