

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-503
DECEMBER 2, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SHUCK-BRITSON, INC. DESIGN AGREEMENT FOR SW FIFTH STREET BRIDGE OVER RACCOON RIVER	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

SYNOPSIS —

On January 2, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-107, Council approved contracts with the State Historical Society of Iowa for Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant funds (\$12,110) and with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act (ISTEA) funds (\$100,000). These funds are to be combined with \$10,000 committed by the Pioneer-Columbus-Neighborhood Association from Citizen Services Task Force (CSTF) funds to make a total of \$122,110 to be used for rehabilitation of the SW 5th Street Bridge. Additional funds for engineering services are to be drawn from the 1996-97 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Account for the Raccoon River Trail.

In February 1996, the Engineering Department solicited proposals from local consulting firms to provide plans and specifications for rehabilitation and restoration of the bridge. Seven consulting firms were contacted, and two responded.

A Consultant Selection Committee, consisting of representatives from the Community Development and Engineering Departments, reviewed the proposals submitted and selected the firm of Shuck-Britson based on its innate familiarity with the structure by virtue of a structural evaluation report the firm prepared in 1992, previous experience on similar projects, apparent enthusiasm and interest in the project, and immediate availability.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Construction funds in the amount of \$122,110 have been secured from HRDP, ISTEA, and CSTF. The engineering consulting firm of Shuck-Britson, Inc. has agreed to provide plans and specifications for a maximum fee of \$21,334 to be funded by the CIP Raccoon River Trail Account.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Shuck-Britson, Inc.

BACKGROUND —

Renovation of the historic SW 5th Street Bridge over the Raccoon River will preserve this unique structure for practical use as a footbridge and as a link in the Raccoon River Bike Trail. Past maintenance efforts will be enhanced and expanded to the extent permitted by available funds.