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**CITY COUNCIL
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01-108

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:

MARCH 12, 2001

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENTS FOR
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES-TRAFFIC
SIGNAL
INTERCONNECTION
PROJECTS PART ONE
AND PART TWO

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS -

Agreements for Professional Services (1) between the City of Des Moines and Howard R. Green Company (Ralph Russell, President, 4685 Merle Hay Road, Suite 106, Des Moines, Iowa 50310); and (2) between the City of Des Moines and URS Corporation, a Nevada Corporation (Martin Koffel, Chief Executive Officer, 6165 NW 86th Street, Suite 118, Johnston, Iowa 50131) for preparation of plans and specifications in conjunction with the City's Traffic Signal Interconnection Projects, Part One and Part Two, respectively.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Compensation to the consultants for work covered by these Agreements shall be for actual costs charged at an hourly rate, with total compensation not to exceed \$200,000. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) will reimburse \$40,000 of this amount.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The City has previously entered into four agreements with the IDOT for construction of four Traffic Signal Interconnect Projects. These agreements identify that 80 percent of the construction costs will be funded by Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The estimated total construction cost for these four projects is \$2.5 million. The agreements are further identified as follows:

(a) Agreement No. 96-AU-39 approved on September 3, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-3100, for the Northeast Traffic Signal

Interconnect Project;

(b) Agreement No. 97-AU-61 approved on April 21, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-1305, for the Northwest Traffic Signal Interconnect Project;

(c) Agreement No. 99-STPA-80 approved on January 3, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-074, for the 2nd/6th Avenue Traffic Signal Interconnect Project; and

(d) Agreement No. 98-AU-33 approved on November 16, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-3512 for the Grand/Ingersoll/University Avenue Traffic Signal Interconnect Project. (Because these three corridors are expected to be the major alternate routes during I-235 reconstruction, this agreement also specifies that the Iowa Department of Transportation will participate in \$40,000 of the design portion of this project.)

On July 25, 2000, the Engineering Department received proposals for the design phase of these projects from Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors, Inc.; Howard R. Green Company; Snyder and Associates; and URS Corporation.

The Consultant Selection Committee composed of Motasem Al-Turk, Don Beck, Gary Fox, and Michael Ring reviewed these proposals and invited Howard R. Green Company and URS Corporation to make formal presentations to the Committee on October 27, 2000. Based on these presentations, the Committee decided unanimously to divide the design projects between these two engineering firms. Howard R. Green Company was recommended for the design of the Northeast, Northwest, and 2nd/6th Avenue Traffic Signal Interconnect Projects. URS Corporation was recommended for the design of the Grand/Ingersoll/University Avenue Traffic Signal Interconnect Project.

The proposed agreements are for the preliminary engineering and preparation of construction plans and specifications in order that these projects can be carried forward to the construction phase. The proposed fee for services by Howard R. Green would be at an hourly rate, with the total amount not to exceed \$120,000, including reimbursable expenses. The proposed fee for services by URS Corporation would also be at an hourly rate, with the total not to exceed \$80,000, including reimbursable expenses.

Staff recommends approval of both of these professional services

agreements.

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