

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

02-046

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 28, 2002

On the January 28, 2002, Council agenda is a roll call to authorize the City Manager to develop a request for proposals, solicit proposals, and select a consultant to design stormwater improvements in the Des Moines Agrimergent Technology Park. The Park is located in the vicinity of SE 43rd Street and Vandalia Road. The Office of Economic Development and the Engineering Department are working collaboratively on this project.

SUBJECT:

DES MOINES
AGRIMERGENT
TECHNOLOGY
PARK-STORM
WATER
MANAGEMENT
IMPROVEMENTS

FISCAL IMPACT -

Phase I of the stormwater improvements are budgeted at approximately \$2 million, which involves construction primarily south of Vandalia Road. The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded the City a \$1 million grant to design and install stormwater improvements in the Agrimergent Technology Park. As part of its contractual requirements, the City is providing matching funds of \$1 million available from the adopted 2001-2002/2006-2007 Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

Approval.

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
ACTING CITY
ENGINEER

BACKGROUND -

On July 9, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-2169, the City Council authorized the Mayor to execute federal documents to access a \$1 million grant from EDA for stormwater improvements in the Agrimergent Technology Park. The Park has extensive infrastructure to support new agribusiness development except for stormwater management systems. A stormwater management system must be designed and installed in the Park. Under the terms of the EDA grant, construction must begin in 2003 and be completed in 2005.

On December 3, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-3577, Council adopted the Des Moines Agrimergent Technology Park Plan. The City is in the process of implementing this Plan. Stormwater improvements are an integral part of project implementation.

The Sewer Enterprise Division will develop a request for proposals and solicit proposals from qualified firms. A committee with representatives from Economic Development, Public Works, and Engineering will evaluate the proposals using a weighted point system and make a recommendation for selection of a consultant. The engineering consultant will be selected during the spring of 2002. Concurrently, the Office of Economic Development will facilitate creating site development guidelines and platting, which are essential to long-term quality development and property sale. The construction project is expected to be awarded by the spring of 2003.
