



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-339

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

JUNE 17, 2002

Professional Services Agreement with Earth Tech, Inc. (Diane Creel, CEO, 100 W Broadway, Suite 5000, Long Beach, CA 90802-4427) for design services for the Des Moines Agrimergent Technology Park Storm Water Study and Storm Sewer Design.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR
THE DES MOINES
AGRIMERGENT
TECHNOLOGY PARK
STORM WATER
STUDY AND STORM
SEWER DESIGN

Compensation to the consultant is not to exceed \$278,548. Funds for this agreement are provided for by a \$1 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant and \$1 million match in the 2001-02/2006-07 Capital Improvements Program, Index Code 657346, Agrimergent - Sewer EDA, Project URR073, Fund CP065, Organization CMO990000, Activity ID 01-2002-016.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

RICHARD CLARK
DEPUTY CITY
MANAGER

The Des Moines Agrimergent Technology Park is north of the Des Moines River west of SE 43rd Street, south of Scott Ave and east of SE 30th Street.

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

The City Council on December 3, 2001, received and accepted the Agrimergent Technology Park Master Plan by Roll Call No. 01-3577. The master plan did not address specific technical requirements associated with drainage issues.

In 2001, the City obtained a \$1 million EDA grant that is matched with City funds to address drainage improvements in the Agrimergent Park. City staff determined that a consultant should be retained because of the need for specialized riverine and interior

drainage modeling. The City Council, by Roll Call No. 02-179, authorized a full Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select a consultant to design the stormwater improvements for the Des Moines Agrimergent Technology Park. The EDA grant requires the City to start construction on June 13, 2003.

RFPs were sent to four firms as well as posted on the City web-site. After reviewing four proposals and then selecting two firms for interviews, Earth Tech, Inc., was selected. They were chosen for several reasons: demonstrating an understanding of the area's unique hydraulics; suggesting a pump station location that would preserve more land for development and increased tax base; and displaying an ability to listen and communicate that will allow for excellent adaptability.
