

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-262

AGENDA:

JUNE 9, 2003

SUBJECT:

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR
THE 15TH STREET
CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENTS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

ITEM 83-B

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

SYNOPSIS —

Approval to authorize the execution of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for professional services with Snyder & Associates, Inc. (Stephen P. Rowe, President, 501 S.W. Oralabor Road, P.O. Box 1159, Ankeny, Iowa, 50021-0974) in conjunction with the 15th Street Corridor Improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Compensation to the consultant for work covered by the agreement shall be made at an hourly rate not to exceed \$50,440.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

On April 8, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-801, the City Council approved a professional services agreement with Snyder & Associates, Inc. for the design of the 15th Street Corridor Improvements. This project includes the following subprojects:

- 15th Street Corridor: Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue
- 15th Street Corridor: Woodland Avenue to 19th/Crocker
- Ingersoll/High Street Corridor: 11th Street to 17th Street
- Woodland Avenue/Sherman Hill Traffic Calming Improvements

On February 10, 2003, by Roll Call No. 03-252, the City Council approved an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a Surface Transportation Program (STP) project for the 15th Street subproject—Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue. This agreement provides for 80 percent federal participation, up to a maximum project commitment of \$575,000. On May 20, 2003, IDOT received bids for this project; and on June 9, 2003, there will be an item on the City Council agenda to award the construction contract to The Underground Company, LTD in the amount of \$1,463,074.95.

During the right-of-way acquisition process, the City could not negotiate a

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mutually agreeable easement with the United States Postal Service (USPS) at a cost within budget for the easement necessary to construct four lanes on 15th Street between Grand Avenue and Ingersoll Avenue. The City does not have the legal authority to acquire the easement from the USPS by eminent domain; therefore, it becomes necessary to redesign the project to three lanes so construction can be completed within existing right-of-way between Grand Avenue and Ingersoll Avenue. Proposed design revisions include reducing the width of the street from four lanes to three lanes, shifting the alignment of the street to the west, and revising the driveway grades. These changes to the design to accommodate the USPS will be reflected in a deduct change order after award of the construction contract. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for professional services includes the redesign of this portion of 15th Street, miscellaneous revisions, and construction phase services.

