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Agenda Item No. 58
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-297
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City
Engineer, and Phillip Vorlander, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement with RDG IA, Inc. Architects for a programming and feasibility study for a Fire Department Training and Maintenance Campus, not to exceed \$69,550.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with RDG IA, Inc. Architects, (William M. Dikis, Principal, 301 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309), for a lump sum amount of \$69,550, to provide professional services for a programming and feasibility study for a Fire Department Training and Maintenance Campus. The Des Moines Fire Department does not currently have a training campus, and such a facility would provide for this critical function.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$69,550

Funding Source: 2006-07 CIP, Page Fire Protection-8, FIR038, Maintenance/Logistics & Training Campus, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Fire Department Training Section is responsible for all aspects of recruit training, the development of curricula for in-service training and continuing education, the presentation of specialized training, the coordination of company training activities, and research into new tools and techniques. The lack of a training campus seriously handicaps these critical functions. The campus would require a 12-20 acre site that would have a building containing the essential components for administration, support and delivery of training. The structure would include offices, classrooms, rest room/shower/locker facilities, kitchen and dining areas, storage and support spaces, and heated apparatus parking. The major classroom and supporting breakout rooms would be equipped to serve as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Exterior components would provide the required infrastructure for structural fire suppression training and drills, driver's training, pump training and testing, hazardous materials, special operations, and other specialized rescue services training and exercises. This project also would include a replacement maintenance facility to be located on the same

site as the training facility. The existing Fire Department maintenance facility is located at Fire Station No. 1, which is scheduled for abandonment.

An RFP for professional services was advertised in the newspaper and posted on the City's web site. Nine proposals were received from qualified architectural/engineering firms. The firms were rated by a selection committee composed of three people from the Fire Department and one from the Engineering Department. RDG IA, Inc. Architects was the highest rated firm using the selection criteria.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on consultant services for design and construction administration, site selection, and acquisition and construction contracts.