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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <b>66A</b> <b>Roll Call No.</b> <b>09-</b> <b>Communication No.</b> <b>09-119</b> <b>Submitted by:</b> <b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer, and Phillip Vorlander, Fire Chief</b>	

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Authorization to proceed with Request for Proposals (RFP) to initiate design services for the Fire Department Logistics and Training Facility, and Central Fire Station Replacement.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend the City Council authorize the City Manager to issue RFPs for the design of Fire Department Logistics and Training Facility, and Central Fire Station Replacement. Both of these projects are contained in the Capital Improvement Budget (CIP); however, it may be possible to obtain stimulus funding for one or both of these facilities. In order to be able to access potential stimulus funds the design must be initiated now.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$1,200,000

Funding Source: 2008-2009 CIP, Page Fire-8, Fire Protection Improvements, Maintenance/Logistics and Training Campus, FIR038, Being: \$700,000 in G.O. Issued Bonds. 2009-2010 CIP, Page 5, Fire Protection Improvements, Central Fire Station Replacement, FIR039, \$500,000 in Tax Increment to be Issued.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The current fire maintenance facility built in 1933 is functionally obsolete and structurally in need of significant repairs. After extensive review of the needs for the fire protection service and available sites throughout Des Moines, the final recommendation is to construct a joint logistics and training facility at 2715 Dean Avenue. Authorization to proceed with the acquisition of 2715 Dean is on the current Council Agenda. During the time period for negotiations and acquisition for the Dean site it is recommended to begin solicitation and evaluation of firms for the design of the logistics and training facility. By starting the process now, the selected consultant will be ready to begin design soon after the property is acquired. In addition, the federal government has recently enacted an economic stimulus program that is anticipated to provide funds for the building of fire stations and possibly logistics and training facilities. In order to access these stimulus funds, the design of the project must be initiated now. The proposed joint logistics and training facility will be approximately 52,000 square feet including maintenance bays, welding booth, shop areas, part storage and areas associated with training activities.

The Central Fire Station located at 900 Mulberry Street is also in a building constructed in 1933 and is

functionally obsolete due to the size of modern fire apparatus and structurally in need of significant repairs. The location of the new fire station is on city owned land at MLK and 16<sup>th</sup>, on the southwest corner across the street from the power substation. Preliminarily, a 4-bay station with a minimum of 22,000 square feet is being considered for the site. The proposed CIP identifies construction in 2011 however; with the possibility of obtaining federal stimulus funding, it is necessary to initiate selection of the consultant now. Both of these facilities will require firms with similar qualifications, therefore a concurrent selection process is recommended.

The design of both of these facilities will endeavor to include energy conservation measures and LEED certification.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 22, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1649

Action: Authorization to proceed with acquisition of property at 2715 Dean Avenue for the Fire Department Logistics and Training Facility Project. (Council Communication No. 08-575) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt; refer to the City Manager to review collaboration efforts. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 22, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1052

Action: Professional Services Agreement with RDG IA, Inc. for a programming and feasibility study for a Fire Department Training and Maintenance Campus, not to exceed \$69,550. (Council Communication No. 06-297)

) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Anticipated actions include Council consideration of consultant contracts, and any future construction projects.

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