



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No.	9A
Roll Call No.	<u>09-</u>
Communication No.	<u>09-330</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement with AECOM for professional services in connection with the Des Moines River Regional Trail – Phase 1, not to exceed \$202,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with AECOM, Steve J. Eaton, Principal-in-Charge, 500 S.W. 7th Street, Suite 301, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309, for hourly rates not to exceed \$202,000, to provide project development and design services for the Des Moines River Regional Trail – Phase 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$202,000

Funding Source: 2009-10 CIP, Page Park Improvements - 22, PKS045, Recreation Trails, G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines River Regional Trail - Phase 1 is a proposed trail that connects the existing trails near Principal Park at the confluence of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers to the James W. Cownie Soccer Complex on East Hartford Avenue. The proposed trail follows along the south side of the Des Moines River. Project development and design are to be funded by the City of Des Moines. State and Federal funding sources are anticipated for the construction of the trail. The project scope of work includes performing the necessary reviews and analysis to obtain environmental approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), preparing the necessary permits and clearances required for the project, and developing plans and specifications for a DOT letting.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for these professional services was advertised in the newspaper and posted on the City's web site. Twelve proposals were received in response to the RFP. A selection committee composed of representatives from the Parks and Recreation and Engineering rated the proposals. AECOM was selected by the committee based on their approach, qualifications, and experience with environmental, Corps of Engineers, and Iowa DOT requirements.

Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with AECOM for hourly rates not to exceed \$202,000, to provide project development and design services.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on consultant agreements.

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