



# Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

**Date** May 18, 2009

**Agenda Item No.** 9D  
**Roll Call No.** 09-  
**Communication No.** 09-334  
**Submitted by:** Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.  
City Engineer

## **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving Professional Services Agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc. (Tim Monson, President, 2409 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312) for evaluation, design and construction phase services for the Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement, not to exceed \$267,864.

## **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc. for hourly rates not to exceed \$267,864, to provide evaluation, design and construction phase services for the Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$267,864

Funding Source: 2009-10 CIP, Page Bridge-11, BRV045, Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek, Gaming Monies

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Recent bridge inspections have determined that this structure, which was originally constructed in 1914 and last rehabilitated in 1961, is showing signs of deterioration and should be replaced with a new bridge. The structurally deficient bridge will be replaced with a new structure that will improve the hydraulic characteristics of the bridge during flood events. The new structure will also provide improved roadway characteristics and sidewalks. Because this will be a complete replacement of the existing structure, Grand Avenue will be closed during construction, which is anticipated in 2011.

On March 24, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-463, Council approved and authorized the execution of an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) to provide up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 in Federal Highway Bridge Program Funds for construction costs.

A request for proposal (RFP) for these professional services was advertised in the newspaper and posted on the City's website. Seven proposals were received in response to the RFP. A selection committee

composed of representatives from Public Works, Traffic & Transportation and Engineering rated the proposals. Shuck-Britson, Inc. was the unanimous selection of the committee based on their qualifications, defined approach to this project and established performance with the City.

Staff has negotiated a Professional Service Agreement with Shuck-Britson, Inc. for hourly rates not to exceed \$267,864, to provide evaluation, design and construction phase services.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: March 24, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-463

Action: Approving execution of Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Agreement for Grand Avenue over Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement. (Council Communication No. 08-159) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal Council actions on construction contracts.

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