



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date:	May 23, 2011
Agenda Item No.	12
Roll Call No.	<u>11-870</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-308</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for predevelopment services for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street, not to exceed \$250,000.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc., Roger Helgoth, P.E., President, 12700 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE for a total cost not to exceed \$250,000, based on hourly rates, to provide professional services for predevelopment services for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$250,000

Funding Source: 2011-2012 CIP, Page Street-36, Southeast Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street, STR249, GO Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Southeast Connector will provide the City a safe, efficient, and direct route from downtown to U.S. 65 on the southeast side of the metropolitan area and will help spur economic development along the corridor. On May 27, 2010, the Federal Highway Administration signed the Record of Decision for the Southeast Connector from SE 14th Street to Highway U.S. 65. Professional services are required to begin developing the project, including furthering the preliminary design performed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement, identifying right-of-way, preparing the required financial plan and other project planning activities. Design services will be included in future contracts after predevelopment work.

This project will be completed in phases as federal, state and local matching funds become available. The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has approved five million dollars of Federal STP funds in FY 11 and 12 for replacement of the City facilities at 2100 Scott and \$2.125 million in FY14 for SE 14th to SE 18th Street. The MPO funding subcommittee has recommended an additional \$3.6 million in FY15 STP funds for SE 14th to SE 30th Street. The SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street segment is the first phase of the project. This segment will significantly improve the transportation network in the southeast area of the City and facilitate the planned expansion of Kemin Industries.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted on the City's website and sent to 90 consultant firms in July 2004. The mailing list included firms prequalified by Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) in the major work categories and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that perform work related to the RFP. Six firms submitted proposals. The three highest-ranking firms were invited for interviews. The selection committee consisted of a business representative, Plan and Zoning Commission member, City Councilmember and City staff. Kirkham Michael presented a comprehensive team of consultants that complemented each other. Overall, the selection committee agreed that this team would best represent the City through their approach to both public involvement and design. Due to limited funding, anticipated project duration, and the need to complete the environmental work first, the initial agreement scope of work did not include all the work that was included in the RFP and basis for selection. Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc., for a total cost not to exceed \$250,000, based on hourly rates, to provide predevelopment services required for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 25, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0749

Action: [Approving](#) submittal of a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Grant Application to IDOT for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street, \$32,500,000. ([Council Communication No. 11-233](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 25, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-1786

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with acquisition of necessary right-of-way and easements for the SE Connector – SE 14th Street to SE 30th Street. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-137

Action: [Authorizing](#) notification of the City's preferred alternative for the Southeast Connector. ([Council Communication No. 09-031](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions on consultant agreements

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