

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: November 21, 2011
	Agenda Item No. 7B Roll Call No. [_____] Communication No. <u>11-709</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for design services for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street, not to exceed \$2,953,706.

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 \$2,953,706, based on hourly rates, to provide professional services for design services of the Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,953,706 - (initial notice to proceed is \$1,419,378)

Funding Source: Various Funding Sources, as follows:

- \$ 767,469 – Iowa Department of Transportation RISE
- \$2,186,237 – 2011-12 CIP, Page Street - 36, Southeast Connector-SE 14th 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. This segment between SE 14th and SE 30th Streets will significantly improve the transportation network in the southeast area of the City and facilitate the planned expansion of Kemin Industries. 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.

This project will be completed in phases as federal, state and local matching funds become available. To date, the following funds have been allocated:

Iowa Department of Transportation Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE) – \$12.7 million for SE 15th to SE 23rd and associated intersection improvements

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – \$5 million of STP funds in FY 11 and 12 for replacement of the City facilities at 2100 Scott, \$1.79 million of STP funds in FY14 for SE 14th to SE 18th Street, and \$3.032 million of STP funds in FY15 for SE 14th to SE 30th Street.

A funding application for \$30 million has been submitted to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recover (TIGER) grant. President Obama has directed the DOT to award TIGER grants by the end of 2011.

The professional services agreement is structured to award work in phases, depending on funding obtained. The first phase includes completing preliminary design such that all property acquisitions can be identified and accomplished. The second phase is for final design of either a 2-lane or 4-lane facility. The scope of services anticipates receiving TIGER funds, but is structured to be awarded in phases to match funding available. The RISE dollars can be used for up to 50% of the cost of a 2-lane facility between SE 15th and SE 23rd Street. If the TIGER grant is awarded for the full amount, a notice to proceed will be issued to complete the 4-lane design in order to comply with the requirement to begin construction in 2013. If the TIGER grant is not awarded, the notice to proceed will be limited to funding available for a 2-lane facility between SE 15th and SE 30th Street. The 2-lane facility will include right-of-way and grading for the full 4-lane facility.

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 \$2,953,706, based on hourly rates, to provide predevelopment services required for the Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 26, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-1614

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the application for a Department of Transportation TIGER discretionary grant for the Southeast Connector Project between SE 14th and SE 30th Streets. ([Council Communication No. 11-605](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: May 23, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0870

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael & Associates, Inc. for Predevelopment Services for Southeast Connector – SE 14th to SE 30th Street, not to exceed \$250,000. ([Council Communication No. 11-308](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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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