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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>Roll Call No.</b>	<b><u>14-0470</u></b>
	<b>Communication No.</b>	<b><u>14-124</u></b>
	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving Professional Services Agreement with The Louis Berger Group, Inc. for the Downtown Transportation Restoration Section 106 Study, not to exceed \$57,000.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with The Louis Berger Group, Inc., Hope Luhman, Vice President-Cultural Resources 900 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Marion, Iowa 52302, for a total cost not to exceed \$57,000, based on hourly rates, to provide services required to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) for the Downtown Transportation Restoration project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$57,000

Funding Source: 2014-2015 CIP, Page Bridge-6, BR053, Downtown Transportation Restoration

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The 2014 Omnibus Appropriations includes \$600 million for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The TIGER grant provides an opportunity to leverage planned and programmed local funds to deliver projects that are not currently fully funded. To prepare an application for TIGER funding, project development that includes review of archaeological resources and historic architectural properties is required to comply with Section 106.

For the TIGER grant application to be considered, it is important to demonstrate the following:

- Status of project development (environmental, permits, design) that demonstrates a clear ability to meet the funding deadline;
- Identified funding that supports the request and demonstrates a fully funded project; and
- Significant impact to the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. By including pedestrian, trail and roadway components, the proposed project is significant to the metropolitan area.

The Downtown Transportation Restoration project includes the following transportation facilities:

Grand Avenue over the Des Moines River Bridge Replacement  
 Locust Street over the Des Moines River Bridge Replacement  
 Scott Avenue over the Des Moines River Bridge Rehabilitation

Principal Riverwalk Red Bridge over the Des Moines River Rehabilitation (raise bridge four (4) feet)  
Court Avenue over Des Moines River Bridge Historic Renovation  
SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street (Jackson Avenue) Pedestrian Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation  
SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge over Raccoon River Rehabilitation  
Des Moines and Raccoon River Balustrade Wall Rehabilitation

City staff has met with Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) staff regarding National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106. Consultant services are being obtained as necessary to put together the required information and begin project development. Project information including proposed scope and type of work planned is needed to move forward with NEPA and Section 106. Given the projects general location within the Civic Center Historic District and the age of the structures included, Section 106 work is substantial.

Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with The Louis Berger Group, Inc., for a total cost not to exceed \$57,000, based on hourly rates, to provide services required to comply with Section 106. Three (3) consultants from the IDOT prequalified list for Comprehensive Historical and Architectural Services were asked to submit proposals for this work. Two (2) proposals were received and reviewed with IDOT and State Historical Preservation Office staff. The Louis Berger Group, Inc. was selected based on their proposed approach, experience related to the project requirements and previous related work.

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

Date: February 24, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0263](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with CH2MHill, Inc. for environmental and grant work necessary for several downtown bridges known as the Downtown Transportation Restoration Project, not to exceed \$205,000. ([Council Communication No. 14-065](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

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

Authorization to submit TIGER application.

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