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AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of procurement of database programming services for the Engineering Department from Nestingen Inc. d/b/a RelyDB for good cause shown at a total cost of \$48,384.

SYNOPSIS:

The goal of this project is to build a new Engineering Project/Contract Management database application.

The Engineering Department Contracts Database is in need of a critical upgrade. It is used for all project bidding, contracting and Council documents, as well as contract management. Since the program is approximately thirteen years old and does not utilize current programming structure, and has experienced occasional loss of information, it is critical to upgrade the database to a stable platform that utilizes current web-based technology.

The City Manager recommends that the procurement of consulting services from Nestingen Inc. for the update be exempted from the competitive Request for Proposals process for good cause shown, pursuant to Section 2-710(b) of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, based upon the extensive experience of Carl Nestingen with the Contracts Database.

Recommend approval of the contract with Nestingen Inc., Carl Nestigen, President, 15076 Wildwood Drive, Clive, Iowa 50325 for a total cost not to exceed \$48,384.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$48,384

Funding Source: 2016-17 Operating Budget, Page 64 Engineering Department, Contracts, Compliance, and Special Assessments, EG001071

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Carl Nestingen created the Contracts Database in 2004. His knowledge of the Contracts Database is extensive and his experience with the Contracts Database is unmatched.
- The upgraded Database would provide enhanced capabilities beyond what it currently does. The new application will be built on Microsoft’s latest Web development and database technology platform. It will be customized to support the specific needs of the Engineering

Department to manage projects, bidding, and contract processes. The new Database rewrite will include up-to-date technology for a web-based user interface for data entry.

- The Engineering Contracts Database also allows completion of City specific documents, such as Roll Call's and Council Communication. Without the Database and the ability to generate the Council documents and nearly 80 other contract forms, additional staff would be required in order to prepare these Council and contract documents. In a single Council meeting there are often as least 15 documents generated from the information stored and managed in the Database.
- The Engineering Contracts Database upgrade project was presented to the IT Governance Committee on August 24, 2016 and the project received unanimous approval.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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