

ITEM # 1a-c
DATE 2-17-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REHABILITATION OF AMES MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RUNWAY 13/31

BACKGROUND:

The 2008/09 Capital Improvements Plan includes a project for the Rehabilitation of Runway 13/31. Runway 13/31 was initially built in 1953, and the last major reconstruction occurred in 1977. Although the city has continued to perform preventative maintenance throughout the years, the runway has deteriorated to the point that full reconstruction is required.

On October 3, 2008, the city received official notice from the FAA to initiate this project, setting the anticipated deadline for bids by April 1, 2009. Upon receipt of the bids, the City would typically apply for an FAA grant based on the actual project costs as shown in the successful bid. In response to recent direction from FAA, this process and respective deadline for submission of the grant has been accelerated to take advantage of available funding. Congress has stated, by way of the FAA, in order for airport projects to utilize existing funding, applications must be received prior to expiration of their current spending authority. Therefore, the FAA is requiring an executed grant agreement that is received no later than February 20, 2009.

HWS, the consulting engineers, have completed survey and preliminary design following FAA guidance to create an updated project cost. The revised total estimated cost for the project is \$3,096,726. The FAA portion of this project is \$2,941,890 (95%) and the City's share is \$154,836 (5%). The projected balance of the Airport Construction Fund is approximately \$210,000.

Use of Federal Aviation Administration funding has the requirement that each project set its own specific targeted goal for use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). This goal is set as a percentage of the total project cost. It is recommended based upon a project of this size that the DBE goal be 5%, however every effort is made throughout process to maximize DBE participation.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. a) Approve matching funds for the project based on the revised cost estimated of \$3,096,726 (\$2,941,890 FAA, \$154,836 City).
b) Approve the FAA Grant Offer.
c) Set the project DBE goal at 5%.
2. Reject the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

One of the primary goals of the Ames Municipal Airport is the safety of its users. By authorizing this project, the Ames City Council will ensure the continued high safety standard currently seen at our airport facility through leveraging the Congressional funds.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving matching funds for the project based on the revised cost estimated of \$3,096,726 (\$2,941,890 FAA, \$154,836 City), approving the FAA Grant Offer, and setting the project DBE goal at 5%.