

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2013/14 DOWNTOWN STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS (5TH STREET)

BACKGROUND:

This annual program is for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of streets within the downtown area (Lincoln Way to 5th Street and Grand Avenue to Duff Avenue). In the past, these projects have involved pavement reconstruction, rehabilitation of storm and sanitary sewers, and streetscapes.

The location for 2013/14 is 5th Street from Duff Avenue to Burnett Avenue. This design project will include at least two public informational meetings, design of pavement improvements, drainage analysis and design of respective storm sewer improvements, as well as evaluation of the existing sanitary and storm sewer pipe structure. Services to be performed by the consultant include base survey, evaluation of construction techniques, preparation of plans and specifications to meet local bidding requirements, notification/coordination with right-of-way users and adjacent land owners, and attendance at the pre-construction meeting.

Proposals for this work were received from nine engineering firms and were evaluated according to the following criteria: Project Understanding, Design Team, Key Personnel, Previous Experience, Project Approach, Responsiveness, Ability to Perform Work, Proposed Project Design/Letting Schedule, and Estimated Contract Cost. Listed below is the ranking information based on this evaluation:

Proposal Ratings/Rankings

	Overall Rank	Estimated Fee
2013/14 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5th)		
Snyder & Associates	1	\$65,900
Civil Design Advantage	2	\$76,450
Bolton & Menk	3	\$77,980
Veenstra & Kimm	4	\$98,250
McClure	5	\$76,230

FOX	6	\$80,000
Foth	7	\$85,700
Howard R. Green	8	\$111,000
Kirkam Michael	9	\$95,000

Staff has negotiated a contract with the highest ranked firm, Snyder & Associates from Ankeny, Iowa, which in this case also has the lowest cost. This consultant has a strong history of successfully designing projects and coordinating with property owners as shown with their most recent project, the 2010/11 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements project on Ontario Avenue.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the engineering services agreement for the 2013/14 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5th Street) with Snyder & Associates from Ankeny, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$65,900.
2. Direct staff to negotiate an engineering agreement with another consulting firm.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Based on staff's evaluation using the above criteria, Snyder & Associates will provide the best value to the City in designing this project.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the engineering services agreement for the 2013/14 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5th Street) with Snyder & Associates from Ankeny, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$65,900.