

ITEM# 21
DATE: 5/12/15

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2014/15 WEST LINCOLN WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
(LINCOLN WAY AND FRANKLIN AVENUE)**

BACKGROUND:

This project is for constructing left-turn lanes and installing new traffic signals at the Franklin Avenue/Lincoln Way intersection. A traffic impact study for the South Fork Subdivision justified these improvements. Turn lanes on Lincoln Way will mitigate left-turning, rear-end, and right-angle traffic accidents. Improvements will also support traffic coordination along Lincoln Way. **An existing agreement requires the developer and the City to share equally in the construction cost (not the engineering service) of these improvements.**

Staff solicited proposals for design engineering services that will involve land acquisition, base topographic survey, preparation of plans and specifications, two public informational meetings (kick-off and 50% design), and notification/coordination with right-of-way users, and attendance at a pre-construction meeting. Services for the project shall include plan development and all required submittals to meet the local letting requirements and all Iowa DOT Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) grant submittal requirements (via Iowa DOT District 1 Staff) with an anticipated Fall 2015 letting for construction during the summer of 2016.

Proposals for this work were received from nine (9) 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:

Consultant	Points (out of 450)	Overall Rank	Estimated Fee
Veenstra & Kimm	398	1	\$76,700
Bolton & Menk	364	2	\$93,440
Shive Hattery	333	3	\$125,000
McClure Engineering	331	4	\$94,861
Kirkham Michael	320	5	\$119,610
Stanley Consultants	318	6	\$127,470
Civil Design Advantage	298	7	\$142,645
Snyder & Associates, Inc.	294	8	\$148,700
WHKS	285	9	\$165,650

Staff has negotiated a contract with the highest ranked firm, Veenstra & Kimm, from West Des Moines, Iowa. This consultant has performed sound engineering work for the City in the past, most recently on the 2013/14 Concrete Pavement Improvement Program (Lynn Avenue, Knapp Street).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the engineering services agreement for the 2014/15 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements (Lincoln Way and Franklin Avenue) with Veenstra & Kimm of West Des Moines, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$76,700.
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, Veenstra & Kimm 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, as noted above.