

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2009/10 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS (ENGINEERING SERVICES – AMENDMENT 1)**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project is shown under the Airport Improvements program of the 2009/10 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). It will provide for the rehabilitation of Taxiway A-1 and storm sewer improvements at the intersection of the runways to prevent flooding.

HWS Consulting, Inc. of Ames, Iowa, was chosen to complete the engineering design for the City of Ames Municipal Airport. The original contract included topographic survey, geotechnical services, and design services, in accordance with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards in an amount not to exceed \$125,913. Amendment 1 will add construction observation and material testing services totaling \$175,295, which will bring the total agreement to a new amount not to exceed \$301,208. This amendment was developed in accordance with FAA regulations.

It should be noted that the HWS Consulting Group as of June 1, 2010, has merged with Alfred Benesch & Company. This change will have no affect on the consulting team working for the City of Ames. The only difference will be that the agreement will be with Benesch from this point into the future.

This project is funded as part of the 2009/10 CIP with funding from the Airport Construction Fund in the amount of \$56,250, and a FAA Grant (AIP) in the amount of \$1,068,750, which brings the total project funding to \$1,125,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve Amendment 1 to the engineering services contract for the 2009/10 Airport Improvements (Rehabilitate Taxiway A-1, Taxiway A-1 Drainage Improvements, and Runway 01 PAPI) in the amount not to exceed \$301,208.
2. Reject the engineering services agreement and direct staff to pursue other design options.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approving the engineering services contract with Alfred Benesch & Company for the design of the FY 2010 Airport Improvements project will ensure the ongoing safety and efficient operation of the Ames Municipal Airport. The project is anticipated to be let in Spring 2010 with construction in Summer 2010.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving Amendment 1 to the engineering services contract for the 2009/10 Airport Improvements (Rehabilitate Taxiway A-1, Taxiway A-1 Drainage Improvements, and Runway 01 PAPI) in the amount not to exceed \$301,208.