

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2010/11 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS (ENGINEERING SERVICES)

BACKGROUND:

This project is shown under the Airport Improvements program of the 2010/11 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). It will provide for the rehabilitation of the West Apron. This is the paved staging area west of the Terminal Building and east of Runway Approach 13.

In selecting a design firm, staff followed a qualifications-based selection process as specified by the federal government. By following that process, Alfred Benesch & Company of Ames, Iowa, has been chosen to complete the engineering design for the City of Ames Municipal Airport. The contract will include topographic survey, geotechnical services and preliminary design in accordance with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$124,191.

The apron rehabilitation project is funded as part of the 2010/11 CIP with funding from the Airport Construction Fund in the amount of \$67,250, and a FAA Grant (Airport Improvement Program) in the amount of \$1,277,750, which brings the total project funding to \$1,345,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the engineering services contract with Alfred Benesch & Company of Ames, Iowa, for the 2010/11 Airport Improvements (West Apron Rehabilitation) in an amount not to exceed \$124,191 from the sources identified above.
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 FY2011 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 2011 with construction in summer 2011.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the engineering services contract with Alfred Benesch & Company of Ames, Iowa, for the 2010/11 Airport Improvements (West Apron Rehabilitation) in an amount not to exceed \$124,191.