

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: INTERMODAL FACILITY TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

BACKGROUND:

Construction principles and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations require an owner to contract with an independent agency to complete soil and concrete testing as well as inspection services to ensure that the contractor has completed construction per specifications. Therefore, as part of the Intermodal Facility construction project, proposals for these services have been requested.

Under CyRide's contract with Iowa State University for Project/Construction Management services, the University solicited competitive proposals on behalf of CyRide/City of Ames for testing and inspection services on the Intermodal Facility. Two proposals were received. **Under the evaluation process required by FTA for professional services, these proposals are to be rated based on technical merit and qualifications only. Cost is not to be considered in the award.** The attached memo from Iowa State's Facilities Planning & Management Department, based on its technical evaluation, recommends TEAM services as the most qualified to perform these inspection services. In discussing the cost of these services with the firm, they have indicated an estimated cost of \$52,328.65. This has been determined to be in alignment with standard costs for these services.

The contract price with TEAM Services is an estimate at this time. The extent of the testing services and number of tests required may need to be modified based upon the findings of initial tests. Therefore, staff requests authority to incur costs of up to an additional 15% for these testing services under this contract. The total not-to-exceed contract cost would then be \$60,177.95. The Intermodal Facility budget includes funding of \$90,000 for these services.

At its April 28, 2011 meeting, the Transit Board of Trustees approved a contract with TEAM Services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,177.95.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a contract with TEAM Services of Des Moines, Iowa for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,177.95.
2. Approve a contract with TEAM Services of Des Moines, Iowa for a not-to-exceed amount of \$52,328.65 based on initial estimates, and direct staff to receive approval for additional unexpected expenses.

3. Do not approve a contract for independent testing services.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

TEAM Services is the most technically qualified supplier of testing and inspection services required for the Intermodal construction project. The company's cost is in line with the cost of similar projects. Additionally, approving a contract amount with a not-to-exceed amount 15% higher than original cost estimate will provide staff with flexibility to quickly respond to conditions found on the site. This timing is important to the overall schedule in completing the project on time as required by FTA grant requirements.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving a contract for testing and inspection services with TEAM Services of Des Moines, Iowa for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,177.95.

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Re: Ames Intermodal
Construction Testing Agreement

Dear Sheri,

We reviewed two proposals to provide construction testing on the Ames Intermodal project. Both firms are qualified to provide services and fees submitted are reasonable for this type of project.

Attached is a spread sheet Mark Stephenson and I used to review the proposals. TEAM Services is the recommended testing agency for this project.

Sincerely,



Jon Harvey, Project Manager
Iowa State Facilities Planning & Management

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Intermodal Facility

Testing Services Evaluation

Criteria	Poss.	TEAM Services	Terracon
Past working relationship with Iowa State	5	5	4
Timeliness of submittal	5	5	5
Response to FTA Requirements: DBE's, Davis Bacon	5	5	2
Similar Project Experience	5	3	5
TOTAL	20	18	16