

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR NEW/UPGRADED AUDITORIUM SOUND SYSTEM

BACKGROUND:

The City Hall Auditorium sound system was purchased in September 1992 with a projected life expectancy of approximately fifteen years. Funding was approved in the FY07/08 Capital Improvement Plan(CIP) to replace the sound system. At that time, only one bid was submitted. It exceeded the available funds by a significant amount. Based on that bid, the budget was increased in the FY10/11 CIP to \$60,000.

In May 2011 a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to 17 vendors with three proposals returned. These proposals have been evaluated and DB Acoustics Inc. received the highest evaluation score and they also provided the lowest cost at \$62,060 of the three proposals. The \$2,060 funding shortfall will be obtained from other Parks and Recreation CIP projects which came in under budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to DB Acoustics Inc. of Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$62,060 to purchase and install new sound equipment for the City of Ames Auditorium; and approve utilizing savings from other Local Option Sales Tax projects within the Parks and Recreation CIP to fund an additional \$2,060.
2. Do not award a contract at this time.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The need to provide a quality sound system at the City Hall Auditorium is a high priority. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby awarding a contract to DB Acoustics Inc. of Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$62,060 to purchase and install new sound equipment for the City of Auditorium; and approve utilizing savings from other Local Option Sales Tax projects within the Parks and Recreation CIP to fund an additional \$2,060.