

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2011/12 COLLECTOR STREET PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN
(ASH AVENUE)

BACKGROUND:

This is the annual program for reconstruction or rehabilitation of collector streets. Locations are prioritized in accordance with the most current street condition inventory. One of the locations for the 2011/12 fiscal year is Ash Avenue from Mortensen Parkway to Knapp Street. This design project will include at least two public informational meetings, design of pavement improvements, drainage analysis and design of respective storm sewer improvements, as well as evaluation of the existing sanitary and storm sewer pipe structure. Services for the project include plan development and all required submittals to meet Iowa Department of Transportation letting requirements, which is anticipated for April 2012 with construction in spring/summer 2012.

Proposals for this work were received from nine 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 rating information based on this evaluation:

Proposal Ratings/Rankings

	Overall Rank	Estimated Fee
Benesch	3	\$153,000
CDA	5	\$97,500
CGA	7	\$119,950
FOTH	3	\$95,000
HR Green	8	\$149,070
Snyder	2	\$142,200
V&K	1	\$92,250
WHKS	5	\$98,230

Staff has negotiated a contract with the highest rated firm, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. from West Des Moines, Iowa. This consultant has a strong history of successfully designing

projects within the Campustown neighborhood, including Welch Avenue, Ash Avenue/Knapp Street, and Storm Street. Their Project Manager is very good with public relations, and often meets one-on-one with residents to work through their concerns during the design phase of the project. From their experience with neighborhood meetings related to the Cyclone Sports Complex, it is believed the Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. will be best able to design a successful project.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the engineering services agreement for the 2011/12 Collector Street Pavement Improvements (Ash Avenue) with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. from West Des Moines, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$92,250.
2. Direct staff to negotiate an engineering agreement with one of the other consulting firms.
3. Direct staff to make changes to the project.

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, thereby approving the engineering services agreement for the 2011/12 Collector Street Pavement Improvements (Ash Avenue) with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. from West Des Moines, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$92,250.