

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2014/15 CYRIDE ROUTE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS – 24TH STREET (UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TRACKS TO NORTHWESTERN AVENUE) AND BLOOMINGTON ROAD (EISENHOWER AVENUE WEST 500 FT)

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. The location for 2014/15 is 24th Street from the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to Northwestern Avenue and Bloomington Road from Eisenhower Avenue west 500 feet.

This contract involves the design of the project, including at least two public informational meetings, design of pavement improvements, drainage analysis and design of respective storm sewer improvements, and evaluation of the existing sanitary and storm sewer pipe structure. Services will include a base survey, evaluation of construction technique, area drainage analysis, parking analysis, preparation of plans and specifications, notification and coordination with right of way users, and attendance at a pre-construction meeting. Also included will be plan development and all required submittals to meet Iowa Department of Transportation letting requirements, with an anticipated winter 2014 letting for construction during 2015.

Proposals for this work were received from eight 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 ranking information based on this evaluation:

Proposal Ratings/Rankings	Overall Rank	Estimated Fee
2014/15 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (24th Street and Bloomington Road)		
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	2	\$104,470
Civil Design Advantage, LLC	4	\$109,150
Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC	7	\$179,300
Kirkham, Michael & Associates	7	\$102,300
Shive-Hattery, Inc.	3	\$93,200

Snyder & Associates	6	\$126,400
Stanley Consultants, Inc.	4	\$90,800
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	1	\$84,750

Although Bolton & Menk was ranked 2nd, they identified specific storm water features they would include as a part of their design for the 24th Street and Bloomington Road corridors. Staff felt this was an opportunity to showcase some “best management practices” for storm water runoff. With these roadway corridors carrying higher volumes of users, this would mean a higher exposure rate for the citizens of Ames to experience these best management practices and actually see them in a practical and functional setting.

Therefore, staff has negotiated a contract with the second highest ranked firm, Bolton & Menk, Inc. from Ames, Iowa. This consultant has performed work with the City in the past, most recently the 2012/13 West Lincoln Way Intersection Improvements program and the 2009/10 Low Point Drainage program.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the engineering services agreement for the 2014/15 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (24th Street and Bloomington Road) with Bolton & Menk, Inc. from Ames, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$104,470.
2. Direct staff to negotiate an engineering agreement with another consulting firm.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Based on staff’s evaluation using the above criteria, Bolton & Menk, Inc. will provide the best value to the City in designing this project. This includes the opportunity to showcase best management practices for storm water runoff in highly visible locations.

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 2014/15 CyRide Route Pavement Improvements (24th Street and Bloomington Road) with Bolton & Menk, Inc. from Ames, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed \$104,470.