

ITEM#: 16a
DATE: 04-28-20

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FY 2020/21 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (ELECTRICAL VAULT & LIGHTING PROJECT)

BACKGROUND:

In FY 2020/21 of the Airport Improvements Program of the Capital Improvements Plan, a project is shown to replace the old runway/taxiway lighting regulators (currently located in the basement of the old terminal building) and place them in an above-ground vault. This project has been under design by Bolton & Menk.

At the April 14, 2020 meeting, City Council approved an addendum to the existing professional services agreement with Bolton & Menk to conduct the additional design work (all eligible under the existing grant) to replace the airfield lighting as a bid-alternate in the original electrical vault plans.

The electrical vault project is budgeted for \$293,208 (base bid) with an additional \$388,305 in design and construction for the runway lighting project (bid alternate). This brings the estimated total budget to \$681,513. The FAA has indicated that this project would be funded at 100% Federal participation (no local match) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding bill. **It should be noted that this 100% FAA construction funding is separate from the \$69,000 in Federal aid awarded to the Airport through the CARES Act for operational assistance (separate CAF). The deadline for submission of the FAA Grant application has been extended to June 15, 2020. If the grant is not awarded by FAA, the projects will not proceed at this time.**

Because the project total exceeds \$250,000 in one fiscal year, the FAA also requires an update to the Airport's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program (attached), setting the DBE goal of 0.3% for the FY 2020/21 Airport Improvements Program (Electrical Vault & Lighting Project). The DBE goal is established by professional recommendation from the consultant, who determines DBE participation based upon the nature of the work and potential DBEs in our region who could reasonably perform that type of work.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. A) Approve plans and specifications for the FY 2020/21 Airport Improvements Program (Electrical Vault & Lighting Project), and establish May 20, 2020, as the date of letting and May 26, 2020, as the date for report of bids.

B) Approve the 2019-2021 DBE Program Update for the Ames Municipal Airport, thereby setting the DBE goal of 0.3% for the FY 2020/21 Airport Improvements Program (Electrical Vault & Lighting Project), all pending final FAA approval.

2. Do not proceed with these projects, and thereby forego the opportunity to obtain 100% federal funding for the projects.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

One of the primary goals of the Ames Municipal Airport is the safety of its users. By approving these plans and specifications, the City Council will ensure the continued high safety standard and quality of the facility currently seen at our airport through leveraging federal funds.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.