

ITEM #: 14
DATE: 01-14-25
DEPT: P&R

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK PATH RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

Included in the FY 2024/25 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is the replacement of the hard surface path around the south lake at Ada Hayden Heritage Park. The proposed FY 2025/26 CIP includes funds to replace the path around the north lake. The plan is to have both paths completed in succession under a single construction contract. Path reconstruction includes increasing the width of the path from ten feet to twelve feet, converting from asphalt to concrete to increase longevity, recycling the asphalt for subbase material, and adding markings to assist with bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services was posted on November 6, 2024, on AmesBids. On December 10, 2024, seven proposals were received.

Proposals were evaluated based on experience, qualifications of personnel working directly on the project, capability of providing the requested services, and pricing. Staff from Parks and Recreation and Public Works reviewed the proposals. The ranking of firms based on their proposals and price are outlined in the table below.

| FIRM | PRICE | EVALUATION RANK |
|---|--------------|------------------------|
| WHKS & Co. Ames, IA | \$88,600 | 1 |
| I&S Group Inc. Des Moines, IA | \$105,420 | 2 |
| Snyder & Associates Ankeny, IA | \$101,500 | 3 |
| Bolton & Menk Ames, IA | \$143,483 | 4 |
| Olsson Des Moines, IA | \$294,098 | 5 |
| Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. Johnston, IA | \$81,200 | Non-Responsive |
| FoleyShald Engineering Omaha, NE | \$230,000 | Non-Responsive |

After evaluating the proposals, staff determined that the proposal from WHKS & Co., Inc., of Ames, IA, is most acceptable. The experience and qualifications of the personnel, along with number of similar projects completed by the firm, best fit the needs of the City.

FUNDING:

There is \$1,400,000 available for this project which includes Engineering and Design, as well as construction costs.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award a contract to WHKS & Co., of Ames, Iowa, for Engineering and Design Services for Ada Hayden Heritage Park Path Reconstruction, in an amount not to exceed \$88,600.
2. Award the Engineering and Design Services to one of the other companies that submitted a proposal.
3. Reject all proposals.
4. Refer this item back to staff for further information.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The hard surface paths around Ada Hayden Heritage Park are one of the many popular amenities within the park. Over the last few years, the condition of the paths has deteriorated and are becoming a safety concern. In an effort to continue to provide excellent amenities for the public, replacing and widening the hard surface paths at the park are a priority. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No.1 as stated above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[AdaHaydenTrail.PSA.pdf](#)