

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK PHASE IV

BACKGROUND:

The ISU Research Park Phase IV Road and Utility Improvements Project consists of the public improvements associated with this next phase of the Research Park expansion. This project includes the paving of approximately 1,570 feet of South Riverside Drive (with shared use path), 1,860 feet of Collaboration Place (with on-street bike lanes), the extension of sanitary sewer and water main, the installation of electric distribution improvements, and street lighting.

On February 12, 2020, bids for this project were received as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	\$ 3,223,599.25
Con-Struct Inc.	\$ 2,823,757.81
Absolute Concrete	\$ 3,069,920.66
Rognes Corp.	\$ 3,284,882.65

Funding Source	Funding	Est. Expenses
Iowa DOT (RISE – up to 70%, utilities not eligible)	\$1,812,091	
Department of Commerce (EDA – up to 50%)	\$1,743,558	
G.O. Bonds (TIF Abated – electric not eligible)	\$ 314,204	
Ames Electric Operating Budget	\$ 135,000	
Engineering/Admin		\$ 500,000.00
Construction		\$2,823,757.81
TOTAL	\$4,004,853	\$3,323,757.81

Because this project is being funded by an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant and a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) grant, the contract may be officially awarded only after both Iowa DOT and EDA concurrence has been given. Currently, the EDA is waiting on the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) determination and the Iowa DOT is reviewing the bid documents. **Therefore, this action form is for the report of bids only until both parties concur with award.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the report of bids for the Iowa State University Research Park Phase IV Project
2. Direct staff to make changes to this project.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The reporting of bids is required for this project and approving the final plans and specifications will allow this project to move forward with award at a later date. **Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.**