

AGENDA REPORT

DATE November 1, 2005

ITEM: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BNSF/MDT OVERLOOK DRIVE WATER MAINS, O.F. 1307

INITIATED BY: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVE AGREEMENT

PRESENTED BY: JIM REARDEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached agreement between the City of Great Falls and Thomas, Dean & Hoskins, Inc. (TD&H) to design replacement water mains for the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) reconstruction of Overlook Drive.

MOTION: "I move the City Commission approve the attached professional services agreement in the amount of \$42,500.00 with Thomas, Dean & Hoskins, Inc. for the BNSF/MDT Overlook Drive Water Mains, O.F. 1307 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement."

SYNOPSIS: This project will provide an evaluation of current and future water main requirements, as well as the replacement and upgrade of existing water transmission mains in conjunction with MDT's reconstruction of Overlook Drive.

City staff and TD&H have negotiated the proposed agreement (attached). The estimated cost of TD&H's evaluation and design services is \$42,500.00.

BACKGROUND: This project is part of a continuing improvement and maintenance program to the City's water system in conjunction and cooperation with the MDT's reconstruction program in the City of Great Falls. MDT is scheduled to replace the existing bridge over the railroad track just north of the City's Water Treatment Plant in 2006. The roadway will also be improved and the River's Edge Trail will be extended. The City has several key domestic and irrigation water transmission mains that will be affected by the construction. TD&H will evaluate and recommend options for consolidation and reduction of the number of water mains in the construction area. In this way, catastrophic failures of old mains under the deep road fill can be averted.

TD&H was selected in accordance with the Architects Engineers Surveyors Selection Policy. This agreement was then successfully negotiated. TD&H has performed satisfactorily on past projects for the City. The estimated cost for services is comparable to previous project engineering costs.

Attachments: Professional Services Agreement (2 originals)