CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 18, 2024

ITEM:

Resolution – Approving Professional Services Agreement
Supplemental Construction Observation Services

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The cost of the Professional Services Agreement associated with the Supplemental Construction Observation Services is anticipated not to exceed $240,000.00 for Resident Consultant Services. Should the cost for the professional services be projected to exceed the amounts set forth in the contract, staff would not authorize such expenditures without further approval by the City Council. All work will be billed on an hourly basis using the established hourly fee structure as set forth in the contract. All costs for these services can be paid from account no. 500.000.000.5250.495 using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue collected from within the Microsoft Alluvion Urban Renewal Area TIF.

BACKGROUND:

Approval of this action authorizes HR Green, Inc. to perform the professional services necessary to provide Supplemental Construction Observation Services for multiple Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects related to the Microsoft Ginger East Data Center which falls within the Microsoft Alluvion Urban Renewal Area (i.e. SE Fire Training Facility, SE County Line Road, SE Adams Street, etc.). The period of the contract will not exceed 12 months unless agreed upon by both parties. HR Green, Inc. was working under a previous Agreement dated March 20, 2023 to provide these same services, but that Agreement has since expired. Construction observation services are currently being provided by the Consultants that have been contracted for each of the CIP projects. One Senior Engineering Technician within the Engineering Services Department is tasked with overseeing the consulted construction observers for each of these projects, in addition to all of the other CIP projects going on around the City. This increased workload and travel distances between projects is more than current staffing levels can handle and supplemental construction observation services are needed. The number of CIP projects and associated funding levels are anticipated to decrease over the next couple of years, so a request for additional full-time staff is not in the City's best interest at this time. The assigned supplemental construction observer from HR Green, Inc. will work closely with the City's Senior Engineering Technician to perform the necessary supplemental construction observation.

The Engineering Services Department retains professional consultants based on their past work experience, qualifications of their staff, familiarity with the project, staffing availability, and past performance. Once a firm has been selected based on the above criteria, City staff then negotiates a fee with the consultant for performing the desired scope of services. City staff attempts, whenever feasible, to distribute professional services work on

an equitable basis to qualified firms maintaining local metropolitan area offices who have expressed interest in working for the City of West Des Moines.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council Adopt:

- Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement for the Supplemental Construction Observation Services.

Lead Staff Member: Brian J. Hemesath, P.E., City Engineer

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Brian J. Hemesath, P.E., City Engineer
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director
Legal	Greta Truman, City Attorney
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE INFORMED

Committee	Public Services
Date Informed	March 11, 2024
No Deliberation or Action Taken	

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, funding is available for the following described public project:

Supplemental Construction Observation Services
Project No. 0030-036-2024

and,

WHEREAS, Supplemental Construction Observation needs associated with Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects related to the Microsoft Ginger East Data Center are desired; and

WHEREAS, Engineering Services Department staff have recommended the Supplemental Construction Observation Services be provided by HR Green, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Services Department has obtained a written proposal from HR Green, Inc. to perform the work requested at an hourly rate not to exceed the amount below:

Resident Consultant Services **$240,000.00**

therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, that HR Green, Inc. is hereby directed to provide Supplemental Construction Observation Services on an as-needed basis not to exceed 12 months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the cost indicated above as payment by the City of West Des Moines for the services indicated.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this **18th** day of **March, 2024.**

_____
Russ Trimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

This Agreement is made and entered into this 18th day of March 2024, by and between the CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City", and HR Green, Inc. (Fed. I.D. #42-0927178), a professional corporation incorporated and licensed under the laws of the State of Iowa, party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant" as follows:

THE CITY HEREBY AGREES TO RETAIN THE CONSULTANT FOR THE PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN THIS AGREEMENT AND CONSULTANT AGREES TO PERFORM THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND FURNISH THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PROJECT AS GENERALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS AGREEMENT.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

   Services provided under this Agreement for the Supplemental Construction Observation Services (Project No. 0030-036-2024) shall be as further described in Attachment 1, Scope of Services.

2. SCHEDULE

   The schedule of the professional services to be performed shall conform to the Schedule set forth in Attachment 2. Any deviations from the Schedule shall be approved by the authorized City representative. The City agrees that the Consultant is not responsible for delays arising from a change in the scope of services, a change in the scale of the Project or delays resulting from causes not directly or indirectly related to the actions of the Consultant.

3. COMPENSATION

   A. In consideration of the professional services provided herein, the City agrees to pay the Consultant the following sum NOT-TO-EXCEED, including any authorized reimbursable expenses, pursuant to the Schedule of Fees set forth in Attachment 3.

I. Basic Services of the Consultant	$ N/A
II. Resident Consultant Services	$ 240,000.00
Total	$ 240,000.00

   B. The Consultant shall invoice the City monthly for services, any reimbursable expenses and any approved amendments to this Agreement, based upon services actually completed at the time of the invoice. Final payment shall be due and payable within 30 days of the City's acceptance of Consultant's submission of final deliverables in accordance with the Scope of Services.

   C. In consideration of the compensation paid to the Consultant, the Consultant agrees to perform all professional services to the satisfaction of the City by performing the professional services in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of Consultant's profession currently practicing under similar circumstances. If the performance of this Agreement involves the services of others or the furnishing of equipment, supplies, or materials, the Consultant agrees to pay for the same in full.

4. INSURANCE

   A. Consultant understands and agrees that Consultant shall have no right of coverage under any and all existing or future City comprehensive, self or personal injury policies. Consultant shall provide insurance coverage for and on behalf of Consultant that will sufficiently protect Consultant or Consultant' representative(s) in connection with the professional services which are to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, including protection from claims for bodily

injury, death, property damage, and lost income. Consultant shall provide worker's compensation insurance coverage for Consultant and all Consultant's personnel. Consultant shall file applicable insurance certificates with the City and shall also provide evidence of the following additional coverage.

B. The Consultant shall provide evidence of comprehensive general liability coverage and contractual liability insurance by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Iowa in the limits of at least $1,000,000 each personal injury accident and/or death; $1,000,000 general aggregate personal injury and/or death; and $1,000,000 for each property damage accident. The evidence shall designate the City as an additional insured, and that it cannot be canceled or materially altered without giving the City at least thirty (30) days written notice by registered mail, return receipt requested.

C. The Consultant shall also provide evidence of automobile liability coverage in the limits of at least $1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage combined. The evidence shall designate the City as an additional insured, and that it cannot be cancelled or materially altered without giving the City at least thirty (30) days written notice by registered mail, return receipt requested.

D. The Consultant shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance, by an insurance company licensed to do business in the State of Iowa, in the limit of $1,000,000 for claims arising out of the professional liability of the Consultant. Consultant shall provide City written notice within five (5) days by registered mail, return receipt requested of the cancellation or material alteration of the professional liability policy.

E. Failure of Consultant to maintain any of the insurance coverages set forth above shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

5. NOTICE

Any notice to the parties required under this agreement shall be in writing, delivered to the person designated below, by United States mail or in hand delivery, at the indicated address unless otherwise designated in writing.

FOR THE CITY:

Name: City of West Des Moines
Attn: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Address: 4200 Mills Civic Parkway
City, State: West Des Moines, IA 50265-0320

FOR THE CONSULTANT:

Name: HR Green, Inc.
Attn: Tony Babcock
Address: 5525 Merle hay Road, Suite 200
City, State: Des Moines, IA

6. GENERAL COMPLIANCE

In the conduct of the professional services contemplated hereunder, the Consultant shall comply with applicable state, federal, and local law, rules, and regulations, technical standards, or specifications issued by the City. Consultant must qualify for and obtain any required licenses prior to commencement of work, including any professional licenses necessary to perform work within the State of Iowa.

7. STANDARD OF CARE

Services provided by the Consultant under this Agreement shall be performed in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances.

8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant understands and agrees that the Consultant and Consultant's employees and representatives are not City employees. Consultant shall be solely responsible for payment of salaries, wages, payroll taxes, unemployment benefits, or any other form of compensation or benefit to Consultant or Consultant's employees, representatives or other personnel performing the professional services specified herein, whether it be of a direct or indirect nature. Further, it is expressly understood and agreed that for such purposes neither Consultant nor Consultant's employees, representatives or other personnel shall be entitled to any City payroll, insurance, unemployment, worker's compensation, retirement, or any other benefits whatsoever.

9. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Consultant will not discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment because of age, color, creed, disability, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Consultant will, where appropriate or required, take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated, during employment, without regard to their age, color, creed, disability, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Consultant will cooperate with the City in using Consultant's best efforts to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are afforded the maximum opportunity to compete for subcontracts of work under this Agreement.

10. HOLD HARMLESS

Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, settlements and judgments, to include all reasonable investigative fees, attorney's fees, and court costs for any damage or loss which is due to or arises from a breach of this Agreement, or from negligent acts, errors or omissions in the performance of professional services under this Agreement and those of its sub consultants or anyone for whom Consultant is legally liable.

11. ASSIGNMENT

Consultant shall not assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any right or obligations therein without first receiving prior written consent of the City.

12. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

The funds appropriated for this Agreement are equal to or exceed the compensation to be paid to Consultant. The City's continuing obligations under this Agreement may be subject to appropriation of funding by the City Council. In the event that sufficient funding is not appropriated in whole or in part for continued performance of the City's obligations under this Agreement, or if appropriated funding is not expended due to City spending limitations, the City may terminate this Agreement without further compensation to the Consultant. To the greatest extent allowed by law, the City shall compensate Consultant as provided in Section 18(B) of this Agreement.

13. AUTHORIZED AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT

A. The Consultant and the City acknowledge and agree that no amendment to this Agreement or other form, order or directive may be issued by the City which requires additional compensable work to be performed if such work causes the aggregate amount payable under the amendment, order or directive to exceed the amount appropriated for this Agreement as listed in Section 3, above, unless the Consultant has been given a written assurance by the City that lawful appropriation to cover the costs of the additional work has been made.

B. The Consultant and the City further acknowledge and agree that no amendment to this Agreement or other form, order or directive which requires additional compensable work to be performed under this Agreement shall be issued by the City unless funds are available to pay such additional costs, and the Consultant shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for any additional compensable work performed under this Agreement. The Consultant expressly waives any right to additional compensation, whether in law or equity, unless prior to commencing the additional work the Consultant was given a written amendment, order or directive describing the additional compensable work to be performed and setting forth the amount of compensation to be paid, such amendment, order or directive to be signed by the authorized City representative. It is the Consultant's sole responsibility to know, determine, and ascertain the authority of the City representative signing any amendment, directive or order.

14. OWNERSHIP OF CONSULTING DOCUMENTS

All sketches, tracings, plans, specifications, reports, and other data prepared under this Agreement shall become the property of the City; a reproducible set shall be delivered to the City at no additional cost to the City upon completion of the plans or termination of the services of the Consultant. All drawings and data shall be transmitted in a durable material, with electronic files provided when feasible to do so. The Consultant's liability for use of the sketches, tracings, plans, specifications, reports, and other data prepared under this Agreement shall be limited to the Project.

15. INTERPRETATION

No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless expressed in writing and executed by the parties hereto in the same manner as the execution of the Agreement. This is a completely integrated Agreement and contains the entire agreement of the parties; any prior written or oral agreements shall be of no force or effect and shall not be binding upon either party. The laws of the State of Iowa shall govern and any judicial action under the terms of this Agreement shall be exclusively within the jurisdiction of the district court for Polk County, Iowa.

16. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

To the extent any federal appropriation has or will be provided for the Project, or any federal requirement is imposed on the Project, Consultant agrees that Consultant will comply with all relevant laws, rules and regulations imposed on City and/or Consultant necessary for receipt of the federal appropriation. Consultant shall provide appropriate certification regarding Consultant's compliance.

17. SOLICITATION AND PERFORMANCE

A. The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that the Consultant has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

B. The Consultant shall not engage the services of any person or persons in the employ of the City at the time of commencing such services without the written consent of the City.

18. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

A. The right is reserved by the City to suspend this Agreement at any time. Such suspension may be effected by the City giving written notice to the Consultant, and shall be effective as of the date established in the suspension notice. Payment for Consultant's services shall be made by the City for services performed to the date established in the suspension notice. Should the City reinstate the work after notice of suspension, such reinstatement may be accomplished by thirty

(30) days written notice within a period of six (6) months after such suspension, unless this period is extended by written consent of the Consultant.

B. Upon ten (10) days written notice to the Consultant, the City may terminate the Agreement at any time if it is found that reasons beyond the control of either the City or Consultant make it impossible or against the City's interest to complete the Agreement. In such case, the Consultant shall have no claims against the City except for the value of the work performed up to the date the Agreement is terminated.

C. The City may also terminate this Agreement at any time if it is found that the Consultant has violated any material term or condition of this Agreement or that Consultant has failed to maintain workers' compensation insurance or other insurance provided for in this Agreement. In the event of such default by the Consultant, the City may give ten (10) days written notice to the Consultant of the City's intent to terminate the Agreement. Consultant shall have ten (10) days from notification to remedy the conditions constituting the default.

D. In the event that this Agreement is terminated in accordance with paragraph C of this section, the City may take possession of any work and may complete any work by whatever means the City may select. The cost of completing said work shall be deducted from the balance which would have been due to the Consultant had the Agreement not been terminated and work completed in accordance with contract documents.

E. The Consultant may terminate this Agreement if it is found that the City has violated any material term or condition of this Agreement. In the event of such default by the City, the Consultant shall give ten (10) days written notice to the City of the Consultant's intent to terminate the Agreement. City shall have ten (10) days from notification to remedy the conditions constituting the default.

19. TAXES

The Consultant shall pay all sales and use taxes required to be paid to the State of Iowa on the work covered by this Agreement. The Consultant shall execute and deliver and shall cause any sub-consultant or subcontractor to execute and deliver to the City certificates as required to permit the City to make application for refunds of said sales and use taxes as applicable. The City is a municipal corporation and not subject to state and local tax, use tax, or federal excise taxes.

20. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

21. MISCELLANEOUS HEADINGS

Title to articles, paragraphs, and subparagraphs are for information purposes only and shall not be considered a substantive part of this Agreement.

22. FURTHER ASSURANCES

Each party hereby agrees to execute and deliver such additional instruments and documents and to take all such other action as the other party may reasonably request from time to time in order to effect the provisions and purposes of this Agreement.

23. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original document, no other counterpart needing to be produced, and all of which when taken together shall constitute the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

HR GREEN, INC.

BY: _____
Andrew Mrowicki, PE
President-Construction

CITY OF WEST DES MOINES

BY: _____
Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The proposed Project involves Supplemental Construction Observation Services in West Des Moines.

I. BASIC SERVICES OF THE CONSULTANT

Not used.

II. RESIDENT CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Consultant shall consult on a regular basis with the City to clarify and define the City's requirements for the Project and review available data. The City agrees to furnish to the Consultant full information with respect to the City's requirements, including any special or extraordinary considerations for the Project or special services needed, and also to make available pertinent existing data. The Consultant shall provide the following services in regard to the Project:

A. Supplemental Construction Observation

The work tasks to be performed by the Consultant shall include:

Task 1. Site Visits
In connection with observations of the Contractor's work while it is in progress:

a. The Consultant shall make visits to the site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction as the Consultant deems necessary to observe as an experienced and qualified design professional the progress and quality of the various aspects of the Contractor's work. Based on information obtained during such visits and on such observations, the Consultant shall determine, in general, if such work is proceeding in accordance with the approved project Plans and Specifications, and the Consultant shall daily keep the City informed of the progress of the work.

b. The purpose of the Consultant's visits to the site will be to enable the Consultant to better carry out his duties and responsibilities during the construction phase and, in addition, by exercise of the Consultant's efforts as an experienced and qualified design professional, to provide for the City a greater degree of confidence that the completed work of the Contractor will conform to the approved project Plans and Specifications, and that the integrity of the design concept as reflected in the approved project Plans and Specifications has been implemented and preserved by the Contractor.

c. The Consultant shall not supervise, direct, or have control over the Contractor's work during site visits, nor shall the Consultant have authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected by the Contractor for safety precautions and programs incident to the work or for any failure of the Contractor to comply with laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, or orders applicable to the Contractor furnishing and performing his work.

d. During such visits, the Consultant may notify on-site consultants to disapprove of, reject, or alter the Contractor's work while it is in progress if the Consultant believes that such work will not produce a completed Project that conforms to the approved project Plans and Specifications, or that it will prejudice the integrity of the design concept of the Project as reflected in the Plans. Any such notifications need to be relayed to City Staff via email or phone call. In addition, the Consultant shall notify or converse with on-site consultants and/or City Staff any aspect of the various projects that may be perceived to possibly impact another project. The Consultant will be tasked with anticipating any potential conflicts or issues before they arise in coordination between the various projects.

ATTACHMENT 2
SCHEDULE

The time of completion of the professional services under this Agreement shall be as follows:

II. Resident Consultant Services

A. Supplemental Construction Observation ..... April 2024 - March 2025

ATTACHMENT 3
SCHEDULE OF FEES

Subject to change annually

HR GREEN, INC.

Billing Rate Schedule

Effective January 1, 2024

Professional Services	Billing Rate Range
Principal	$250- $370
Senior Professional	$250- $370
Professional	$170- $250
Junior Professional	$100- $175
Senior Technician	$130- $180
Technician	$75- $145
Senior Field Personnel	$140- $225
Field Personnel	$100- $170
Junior Field Personnel	$75- $125
Administrative Coordinator	$75-$130
Administrative	$75- $130
Corporate Admin	$100- $160
Operators/Interns	$75- $150

Senior Field Personnel	2024 Billing Rate
Kirk Larkins	$165

Reimbursable Expenses

1. All materials and supplies used in the performance of work on this Project will be billed at cost plus 10%.
2. Auto mileage will be reimbursed per the standard mileage reimbursement rate established by the Internal Revenue Service. Survey vehicle mileage will be reimbursed on the basis of $0.85 per mile.
3. Charges for sub-consultants will be billed at their invoice cost plus 15%.
4. All other direct expenses will be invoiced at cost plus 10%.