

# Consultant Selection Information for County Projects 26-60 and 26-68

## Project Information

**Project Purpose:** These projects jointly aim to modernize CSAH 26 between TH3 and Cahill Avenue in Inver Grove Heights with reconstruction the western portion (CP 26-60) and performing a pavement reclamation and lane reduction on the eastern portion (CP 26-68), resulting in a three-lane facility on the entire extent. The projects will also construct multiuse trail, expand stormwater sewer and city utilities, and address known safety and access management concerns.

**Deliverables:** Project management, quality management plan, public and agency involvement, corridor survey and right of way needs, environmental review and permitting, utility coordination, plan production, bidding preparation, right of way acquisition support, grant writing

**Public and Agency Engagement:** Activities for public engagement will include two open houses, content for the project web page, multiple resident/property owner meetings, and up to two agency presentations. The consultant is responsible for creating all communication materials for public involvement.

### Schedule:

- Final design: September 2025 through November 2026
- Right of way acquisition: through November 2026
- Construction: Spring 2027 through Fall 2028

## Consultant Selection Summary

**Request for Proposals (RFP):** An RFP for the Final Design was released on July 29, 2025, with proposals due on August 20, 2025. The RFP was sent to three firms: Bolton & Menk, WSB and Kimley-Horn. County staff had discussed the project with each firm and all indicated interest. After reviewing the RFP and completed preliminary plans, Bolton & Menk elected to not submit a proposal. WSB and Kimley-Horn submitted proposals by the deadline.

**Review Process:** Proposals were reviewed by staff from Dakota County and Inver Grove Heights and assigned scores. The reviewers met on August 27, 2025 to discuss the scoring and select a preferred consultant.

**Evaluation Results:** Both WSB and Kimley-Horn were responsive to the requirements of the RFP, including project management capabilities, demonstrated success in related projects, and costs. Evaluation of the proposals were made on these criteria, in addition to overall project understanding and approach for individual tasks.

**Summary of Proposed Costs:**

| Proposer    | Cost/Hour | Total Hours | Total Cost |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Kimley-Horn | \$171.50  | 4,970       | \$852,359  |
| WSB         | \$153.38  | 3,987       | \$611,542  |

**Recommendation and Summary:** The project review team recommends selection of Kimley-Horn as the consultant for final design of CP 26-60/26-68 as their proposal more thoroughly understands the tasks necessary to deliver final plans and documentation needed to advertise construction of the project, and better anticipates the efforts needed to advance key components of the project, including retaining wall design, stormwater facilities, and construction sequencing. The proposal submitted by WSB included personnel capable of completing the work scope, but lacked an understanding of the challenges that remain to deliver final plans that will aid in what is expected to be a complex construction process.