Consultant Evaluation Summary For County Project 38-61

Consultant Services Description:
CP 38-61 includes final engineering design project along McAndrews Road from CSAH 5 to Aldrich Avenue S to address safety, mobility, and multimodal connectivity challenges. The corridor currently experiences high crash rates at Irving Avenue and 141st Street, operational issues for minor street traffic, and limited pedestrian and bicycle access. Proposed improvements include, constructing a roundabout at Irving Avenue, modifying and installing traffic signals (including Burnhaven Drive), adding a new trial on the south side and improving crossings, implementing access management through medians and three-quarter intersections, and completing mill and overlay design services along CSAH 5 between 140th Street and CSAH 42. These enhancements aim to improve safety, traffic operations, and connectivity for residents, businesses, and all modes of travel.

Scope of Consultant Services:
The scope of work for CP 38-61 includes public open houses, additional public engagement strategies, agency coordination, field survey, data collection, conceptual layouts, recommendations for crossing enhancements, and recommendations for intersection control. CSAH 38 in the project segment serves both high density and single family residential on the north side of the roadway and a large commercial area on the south side.

Deliverables:
The contract's deliverables include technical reports and conceptual layouts as follows: (1) survey data; (2) Signal Justification Letter (SJL); (3) Traffic Analysis Memo; (4) preliminary design layouts and design documentations memo (5) final design plans (6) bid package preparation. The contract deliverables will also include project management services and public/agency engagement as outlined below.

Public and Agency Engagement:
Public outreach was one of the primary strengths for the consultant being recommended for selection of this project. Dakota County required multiple public open houses, web page content, business stakeholder coordination, and one pop up event in the request for proposals. The County encouraged consultants to provide innovative public outreach ideas as optional tasks in their proposal. Stonebrooke Engineering (the recommended design consultant) displayed strong understanding of meaningful public and pertinent agencies' engagement and detailed innovate suggestions of mediums of engagement and communication with the residents, business community, community committees, organizations, and advisory groups throughout the project.

Schedule:
The contract schedule is planned from February 2026 to December 2027 (approximately 22 months).

Consultant Selection Summary:
The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the required consultant services was released on November 10, 2025. Three (3) proposals were submitted to the County by the due date of December 10, 2025.

Review Team and Process:
The three (3) proposals were reviewed by staff from Dakota County, including staff representing expertise in traffic engineering, multimodal analysis, and preliminary layout development. Proposals were reviewed and evaluated independently by review team members. The consensus reached by the proposal reviewers supported negotiating a contract with Stonebrooke Engineering with a value of $899,966.

The proposals were evaluated and ranked based on the following 6 criteria:

1. Understanding Scope of Work, Deliverables, and Schedule: Based on completeness of the proposal, and clear understanding of the project scope, complexities, focus areas, deliverables, project decisions, and scheduling of tasks.

2. Project Approach: Based on conceptual and technical approach to delivery priorities and proposed tools or techniques to provide good value and quality.
3. Project Design Team and Expertise of Key Personnel: Based on qualifications and experience of the Project Manager and key staff proposed to work on the project.
4. Quality Control: Based on approaches to proactively manage risks and delivery of quality products on time and budget.
5. Past Performance on Similar Projects: Based on demonstration of projects the firm has successfully delivered that have similar goals and scope to the project.
6. Best Value Cost Proposal: Considered the quality and feasibility of the proposal and services for fee; the cost proposed vs. value to be provided; and the approach to complete the work within budget and schedule

Evaluation Results:
Dakota County staff selected Stonebrooke Engineering based on the detailed work plan provided in the firm's proposal, which presented an exceptional understanding of the project and an integrated approach to delivering all tasks by a qualified team. The Stonebrooke Engineering proposal provided the most complete response to the services needed, considering the project's many design elements and technical complexity. The Stonebrooke Engineering proposal was exceptional in addressing the balance of vehicle safety, multimodal safety, and vehicle mobility in their workplan. The proposal also clearly grasped the purpose of the study regarding analysis that has already been completed and the appropriate level of effort and detail needed for recommendations and conceptual layouts.

Stonebrooke Engineering fully demonstrated the importance of community engagement in the development of the corridor study. The project manager and public engagement lead roles stood out amongst the other consultants' teams. Another key differentiator of the recommended proposal was the level of detail and forethought put into the project approach and deliverable schedule.

Summary of Proposed costs:

Consultant	Amount	Hours	Cost/Hour
SEH	$1,157,563.75	6,200	$187
Bolten & Menk	$1,025,532.00	5,987	$171
Stonebrooke	$899,966.00	5,977	$151

Recommendation:
Staff recommends the consulting engineering firm Stonebrooke Engineering be awarded a design services contract for CP 38-61. Given the scope and complexities anticipated in the design work, the Stonebrooke Engineering and contract negotiations offered the best combination of complete approach, technical details identified and addressed, and the most credible contract cost from among the three (3) submitted proposals.