

**Memorandum  
Public Works Department**



**To:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Longview Park Hillside Stabilization, Project 2698  
**Date:** August 29, 2012  
**Number:** 2012-192

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The Engineering Division solicited qualifications from consulting firms to provide recommendations and design for hillside stabilization along the east side of Longview Park.

Several years ago, part of the hillside had dislodged onto 17<sup>th</sup> Street from below the glass conservatory building. At that time, deep rooted vegetation was planted and a drain-tile was placed in this failed area to help prevent additional movement. The stairway along the park's 17<sup>th</sup> Street garage building has also experienced movement over time due to the slope conditions at this location, and it will require repair or replacement as part of the stabilization work.

Aside from maintenance of the hillside, aesthetic concerns are also to be considered in the consultant recommendations to better connect this area to the park.

The request for qualifications invitation was posted on the city website and advertised in the Rock Island Argus on June 5 and 6, 2012. The Engineering Division also contacted the following consultants:

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| Ament Engineering Associates, Inc. | McClure Engineering Associates, Inc. |
| Black & Veatch                     | Missman, Inc.                        |
| Burns & McDonnell                  | RJN Group, Inc.                      |
| Clark Dietz, Inc.                  | Shive-Hattery, Inc.                  |
| Donohue & Associates, Inc.         | Stanley Consultants, Inc.            |
| Hanson Professional Services, Inc. | Strand Associates, Inc.              |
| Howard R. Green Company            | Team Services                        |
| Landmark Engineering Group, Inc.   | Terracon                             |
| Maurer-Stutz, Inc.                 | Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.                |

Submittals were received from:

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| Ament Engineering Associates, Inc. | Missman, Inc.             |
| Burns & McDonnell                  | Shive-Hattery, Inc.       |
| Landmark Engineering Group, Inc.   | Stanley Consultants, Inc. |
| Maurer-Stutz, Inc.                 | Terracon                  |

The selection committee consisting of the City Engineer, two Assistant City Engineers, the Director of Parks, and the Superintendent of Parks reviewed the proposals. Based upon review of the firm's qualifications and resources, two firms were selected by the committee for interviews. The two firms listed below were interviewed and ranked as shown:

- 1) Maurer-Stutz, Inc.
- 2) Stanley Consultants, Inc.

### **Recommendation**

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council approve the choice of Maurer-Stutz, Inc. and authorize the Engineering Division to enter into negotiations with them for a service agreement.

After negotiations are completed with Maurer-Stutz, Inc., the service agreement will be submitted to City Council for final approval.

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**Approved by:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager