

RESOLUTION 2023-61

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC FOR 2023 BRIDGE INSPECTION AND LOAD
RATING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00.**

WHEREAS, The City of West Branch, Iowa has its five bridges inspected every twenty-four months to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors to the City; and

WHEREAS, Veenstra & Kimm Inc. has completed many of the tasks associated with bridge inspections in past years to the City of West Branch's satisfaction; and


WHEREAS, the services necessary to provide an adequate inspection include a routine inspection of five bridges, upper-deck inspection via ladder, update of the load rating calculations if necessary, update of the scour evaluation if necessary; and

WHEREAS, these services should be completed in accordance with Iowa Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration guidelines and requirements; and

WHEREAS, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. has prepared an agreement to perform the aforementioned services which has been reviewed by the city attorney and now requires the approval of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Cedar County, Iowa, that the aforementioned engineering services agreement be and the same is hereby approved. Further, the Mayor and City Clerk are directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the City.

Passed and approved this 5th day of June 2023.



Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leslie Brick, City Clerk

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

**2023 BRIDGE INSPECTION AND RATING
WEST BRANCH, IOWA**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 5th day of June, 2023, by and between the City of West Branch, a Municipal Corporation, 110 North Poplar Street, P.O. Box 218, West Branch, IA 52358, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY," and Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., an Iowa Corporation, 3000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266, hereinafter referred to as the "**CONSULTANT.**"

WHEREAS, the CITY desires to have five (5) bridge and culvert structures inspected and load rated for the year 2023 as required by the Iowa Department of Transportation, referred to as the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heretofore deemed it necessary and desirable to obtain professional engineering services to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the **CONSULTANT** is qualified and capable of supplying said engineering services.

WHEREAS, accordingly, the CITY has agreed to engage the **CONSULTANT** as an independent contractor to complete the Project under the terms and conditions set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY AND THE CONSULTANT, FOR CONSIDERATION HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DO MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

The **CONSULTANT** shall perform in a timely and satisfactory manner engineering services in connection with the Project as same are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference.

II. TIME OF COMPLETION.

The **CONSULTANT** shall complete the services to be rendered hereunder in accordance with the schedule set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated by this reference. The **CONSULTANT** does hereby expressly acknowledge and agree that TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE of this Agreement, and, thus, any failure by the **CONSULTANT** to timely render and perform services hereunder shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

III. GENERAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS.

A. The **CONSULTANT** shall not commit any of the following employment practices in connection with or while rendering engineering services hereunder and does hereby expressly agree to prohibit the following practices from being committed by any subcontractors engaged by the **CONSULTANT** in connection with the Project. Upon request, the **CONSULTANT** shall provide the **CITY** with a copy of the relevant provisions of any agreement entered into by the **CONSULTANT** and subcontractor in connection with the Project to confirm to the satisfaction of the **CITY** that the requirements under this Subparagraph III(A) have been met.

1. To discharge or refuse to hire any individual because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, marital status, or sexual orientation.
2. To discriminate against any individual in terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, marital status or sexual orientation.

B. The **CITY** may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon no less than seven (7) calendar days' written notice. In the event that the **CITY** does so terminate this Agreement, the **CONSULTANT** shall be paid for all work and services performed up to the time of said termination upon submission to the **CITY** of a final billing statement and review and approval thereof by the West Branch City Council at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting; provided, however, that any such sum shall not be greater than the total amount to be paid for services rendered hereunder as set forth in Article IV below; and further provided that, in the event the **CITY** terminates this Agreement with cause, the **CITY** may, in its sole discretion, elect to withhold payment of an amount sufficient to engage a third party to properly complete the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

C. This Agreement shall not be assigned or in any manner transferred by the **CONSULTANT**, without the express written consent of the West Branch City Council.

D. It is hereby acknowledged and agreed by both parties hereto that the engagement of the **CONSULTANT** by the **CITY** in connection with the Project shall be as an independent contractor and shall be exclusive; provided, however, that the Contractor may retain the services of subcontractors for the purpose of performing its obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement so long as the **CONSULTANT** has first obtained the written approval of same from the **CITY**; and further provided that, should the **CONSULTANT** so engage subcontractors under the terms of this Subparagraph III(D), the **CONSULTANT** shall solely responsible for compensating any such subcontractors.

E. The **CITY** shall make all criteria, design and construction standards, and information regarding the **CITY's** requirements for the Project available to the **CONSULTANT** upon reasonable request by the **CONSULTANT** therefor. The **CITY** shall furnish reasonable assistance to the **CONSULTANT** in the use of said information and documentation at the request of the **CONSULTANT**.

F. It is further agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall perform contrary to any federal or state law, rule or regulation, or the West Branch City Code of Ordinances.

G. At the request of the **CITY**, the **CONSULTANT** shall attend such meetings of the City Council relating to the **PROJECT** hereunder.

H. The **CONSULTANT** agrees to furnish all reports, specifications, and drawings with the seal of a professional engineer affixed thereto or such other seal as required by State law.

I. Upon termination of this Agreement and request of the **CITY**, the **CONSULTANT** shall provide the **CITY** with copies of all basic notes and sketches, charts, computations, and any other data prepared or obtained by the **CONSULTANT** pursuant to this Agreement without cost, and without restrictions or limitations as to the use thereof in connection with the **PROJECT**. It is understood, however, that the **CONSULTANT** shall not be liable for the **CITY's** use of such documents on other projects.

J. Original drawings prepared by the **CONSULTANT** under this Agreement shall become the property of the **CITY**. The **CONSULTANT** shall be allowed to keep mylar reproducible copies for the **CONSULTANT's** own filing use.

K. Fees paid in order to secure approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the Project shall be paid by the **CITY**.

L. If the **CONSULTANT** is providing Construction Administration or Supervision under this Agreement, the **CONSULTANT** shall make visits to the Project construction site at intervals appropriate to the various states of construction and as mutually agreed to by the **CONSULTANT** and **CITY** in order to observe as an experienced and qualified engineering professional the progress and quality of the various aspects of the work being performed by contractors and/or subcontractors. Based on information obtained during such visits and on such observations, the **CONSULTANT** shall endeavor to determine to the best of the **CONSULTANT's** ability if work on the Project is proceeding in accordance with the concept plan for the Project and shall keep the **CITY** informed of the progress of the work on the Project and any concerns the **CONSULTANT** may have regarding same.

M. **CONSULTANT** shall procure and maintain insurance for protection from claims under workers' compensation acts, claims for damages because of bodily injury, including personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any and all employees or of any person other than such employees and from claims or damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom. The **CONSULTANT** shall name the **CITY** as an additional insured party on **CONSULTANT's** general liability insurance policy. At the request of the **CITY**, the **CONSULTANT** shall give the **CITY** a certificate of insurance evidencing that the insurance required under this Agreement is in force, and the **CONSULTANT** shall immediately notify the **CITY** of any revocation or cancellation of any of the above-referenced insurance policies. The **CONSULTANT** shall take all necessary steps to preserve the **CITY's** defenses of governmental immunity under Chapter 670 of the Code of Iowa, including, without limitation, requiring that the language set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto and incorporated by this reference be included in the certificate of insurance to be provided to the **CITY** hereunder.

IV. **COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES.**

The **CITY** shall compensate the **CONSULTANT** for engineering services rendered under this Agreement for a total fee of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). Said total fees shall be paid by the **CITY** to the **CONSULTANT** in accordance with the payment schedule set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated by this reference; provided, however, in express acknowledgment that this Agreement is a COMPLETION DATE CONTRACT, the **CONSULTANT** does hereby acknowledge and confirm the **CONSULTANT's** understanding that TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE and that the timely completion of each phase of the Project as set forth in Exhibit "A" and the timely completion of the Project in its entirety constitutes material terms of this Agreement without which the **CITY** would not have engaged the **CONSULTANT**. Accordingly, the **CONSULTANT** also acknowledges that:

A. No payment shall be made to the **CONSULTANT** hereunder if the Project is not proceeding on schedule unless otherwise hereafter agreed in writing by the **CITY**.

B. Under no circumstances shall the **CITY** compensate the **CONSULTANT** for work that has not yet been completed. For purposes of this provision, work shall constitute the discrete phases of the Project as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. Accordingly, the **CONSULTANT** shall not be entitled to compensation hereunder for any phases of the work until the entire phase of work has been completed.

C. In any event, no payment hereunder shall become due and payable until submission to the CITY by the CONSULTANT of a billing statement therefor and review and approval of the billing statement by the West Branch City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

V. INDEMNIFICATION.

The CONSULTANT agrees to fully indemnify, defend, save and hold the CITY, its officers, representatives, agents, contractors, subcontractors and employees, harmless from any and all liability to third parties (including reimbursement of reasonable legal fees and costs) arising directly or indirectly from the negligent act, error or omission of the CONSULTANT, its officers, representatives, agents, contractors, subcontractors or employees in connection with the Project.

VI. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

The CONSULTANT hereby warrants and represents that the CONSULTANT (i) has not created nor contributed to the creation or existence (ii) nor will it create or contribute to the creation or existence of any type of hazardous or toxic wastes, materials, chemical compounds, or substances, or any other type of environmental hazard or pollution, whether latent or patent, at the premises of the Project, or in connection with or related to the Project. The CONSULTANT, notwithstanding the limit of liability contained in Provision V of this Agreement, does hereby fully indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the CITY, its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all debts, claims, causes of action, administrative orders and notices, costs (including but not limited to, response and/or remedial costs), personal injuries, losses, damages, liabilities, demands, interest, fines, penalties and expenses, including reasonable legal fees and expenses, consultants' fees and expenses, court costs and all other out-of-pocket expenses, suffered or incurred by the CITY, its officers, representatives, agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees and grantees as a result of any breach of this Provision VI.

VII. INTERPRETATION.

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the generally accepted standards of the Engineering Profession; provided, however, that it is expressly understood and agreed by both parties that to the extent, if at all, the explicit terms and conditions of this Agreement are in conflict with said generally accepted standards of the Engineering Profession, said explicit terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control in the event of a dispute between the parties hereto.

VIII. SURVIVAL.

All express representations, indemnifications or limitations of liability made in or given in this Agreement shall survive the completion of the engineering services to be rendered by the **CONSULTANT** hereunder or the termination of this Agreement for any reason.

IX. CONTROLLING LAW.

This Agreement is to be governed by the laws of the State of Iowa. The parties hereto agree that any action, suit or proceeding based upon any matter, claim or controversy arising under this Agreement shall be brought solely in the state courts located in Cedar County, Iowa or the federal courts located in Linn County, Iowa. The parties hereto hereby irrevocably waive objection to the venue of the above-mentioned courts, including any claim that such action, suit or proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Both parties hereto expressly acknowledge and agree that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to require the parties to submit to mandatory arbitration or mediation in the event of a breach or dispute hereunder.

X. HEADINGS.

The headings of sections of this Agreement are for convenient reference only and shall not be deemed to limit, construe, affect, modify or alter the meaning of such sections.

XI. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to the **CONSULTANT**, the **CITY** or a particular circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of said section, subsection, term or provision of this Agreement or the application of same to the **CONSULTANT**, the **CITY** or particular circumstances other than for which it was held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each remaining section, subsection, term or provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

XII. AUTHORITY.

The persons signing this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the authority to sign as, or on behalf of, the party for whom they are signing.

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EXHIBIT "A"

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The **CONSULTANT** shall perform in a timely and satisfactory manner engineering services in connection with the **PROJECT** as set forth as follows:

- A) Routine inspection of five (5) bridge and culvert structures in 2023 including entry and approval of inspection data into the Iowa Department of Transportation Structural Inventory and Inspection Management System (SIIMS) data base. Inspections will be completed for:
- FHWA 012371, Main Street over West Branch Wapsinonic Creek
 - FHWA 012381, College Street over West Branch Wapsinonic Creek
 - FHWA 018431, Main Street over Drainage Ditch
 - FHWA 102161, 300th Street over West Branch Wapsinonic Creek
 - FHWA 505415, Orange Street over Drainage Ditch
- B) Load rating analysis of five (5) bridge and culvert structures in 2023 for four routine permit trucks and two emergency vehicles. Results of load rating analysis will be entered into SIIMS. These ratings are required to satisfy new FHWA/Iowa DOT requirements. Rating will be completed for:
- FHWA 012371, Main Street over West Branch Wapsinonic Creek
 - FHWA 012381, College Street over West Branch Wapsinonic Creek
 - FHWA 018431, Main Street over Drainage Ditch
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EXHIBIT "B"

TIME OF COMPLETION:

The **CONSULTANT** shall complete the services to be rendered hereunder in accordance with the schedule set forth below. The **CONSULTANT** does hereby expressly acknowledge and agree that **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** of this Agreement, and, thus, any failure by the **CONSULTANT** to timely render and perform services hereunder shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. The schedule milestones for this project are as follows:

- A) Routine inspection of five (5) bridge and culvert structures in 2023 including entry and approval of inspection into the Iowa Department of Transportation Structural Inventory and Inspection Management System (SIIMS) data base.
Inspection completed in June of 2023, entry and approval in SIIMS by October 1, 2023.

- B) Load rating analysis of five (5) bridge and culvert structures in 2023 for four routine permit trucks and two emergency vehicles. Results of load rating analysis will be entered into SIIMS. Ratings and data entry into SIIMS will be completed by December 31, 2023.

The **CONSULTANT** shall not be responsible for delays in approval, securing easements, or other actions by governmental agencies which may delay the time of completion for services.

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EXHIBIT "C"

COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES:

The **CITY** shall compensate the **CONSULTANT** for engineering services rendered under this Agreement based on the following:

- A) The fee for routine inspection and rating of five (5) bridge and culvert structures in 2023 including entry and approval of inspection and rating data into the Iowa Department of Transportation Structural Inventory and Inspection Management System (SIIMS) data base shall be the lump sum fee of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

Said total fees shall be paid by the **CITY** to the **CONSULTANT** and shall become due and payable upon submission to the **CITY** by the **CONSULTANT** of a billing statement therefor and review and approval thereof by the West Branch City Council at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

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EXHIBIT "D"

"The Companies affording coverage and the Additional Insured, City of West Branch, Cedar County, Iowa, expressly agree and state that the purchase of this policy of insurance by the insured and the listings of the City of West Branch as an Additional Insured hereunder do not waive any of the defenses of governmental immunity available to the Additional Insured under Iowa Code Section 670.4 as it now exists and as it may be amended from time to time.

The Companies and Additional Insured further agree that this policy of insurance shall cover only those claims not subject to the defense of governmental immunity under Iowa Code Section 670.4 as it now exists and as it may be amended from time to time.

The Additional Insured shall be responsible for asserting any defense of governmental immunity, and may do so at any time and shall do so upon the timely written request of the Companies.

The Companies shall not deny coverage under this policy and the Companies shall not deny any of the rights and benefits accruing to the Insured or the Additional Insured under this policy for reasons of governmental immunity unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction has ruled in favor of the defense(s) of governmental immunity asserted by the Additional Insured."