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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FY 2026/27 SAFETY SERVICES CONTRACT WITH IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

BACKGROUND:

The City has contracted with the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) since 2008 to provide employee safety training and OSHA compliance. IAMU provides training regarding topics of importance to all City staff, and provides specialized training for the unique activities undertaken by staff in different departments.

In addition, IAMU provides safety program review, accident investigation support, and undertakes special projects at the request of division leaders and the Risk Manager. IAMU has been very receptive of continuing improvements to the Safety Services program as requested by the City's Risk Manager. IAMU continues to improve its services to the City, in line with the City's organizational values. IAMU works closely with the Risk Manager to ensure that the City's needs are being met.

The City's current contract with IAMU is expiring June 30, 2026. The expiring contract is for an amount not to exceed \$147,036. IAMU has proposed a renewal at a cost of \$151,440 for FY 2026/27, which is a 3% increase. The FY 2026/27 adopted budget contains \$151,447 for safety services.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Waive the City's Purchasing Policy requirement for competitive bidding and approve renewal of an agreement for safety services with IAMU for an amount not to exceed \$151,440 for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
2. Do not approve an agreement with IAMU, and direct City staff to find alternatives to provide safety training services.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City has utilized IAMU for safety services since 2008. The organization does an excellent job providing safety training for City's employees as well as providing additional services such as mock OSHA walkthroughs, noise testing, air testing, and overall program review. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[2008-2026 Agreement FY 2026-2027 Ames.pdf](#)
[SOW IAMU 2026-2027.pdf](#)