



## Engineering Department

**DATE:** April 19, 2022  
**FROM:** Gabe Schell, City Engineer  
**ITEM:** Material Testing Services

**REQUEST:**

Consider approval of selection of Braun Intertec and GeoServ, Inc. to provide material testing services for the City of Bismarck for the 2022 construction season and the ability to retain their services for two subsequent years.

Please place this item on the April 26, 2022, City Commission meeting agenda.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Engineering Department requested quotes from material testing firms to provide services to conduct concrete testing, soil density and compaction testing in the right of way as it relates to city excavation and concrete permits. The Engineering Department received quotes from three firms. Given the anticipated need for this construction season, the following are the projected contract costs based on the rate and fee schedules submitted:

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| Braun Intertec                               | \$14,432 |
| GeoServ, Inc.                                | \$14,650 |
| Terracon Consulting Engineers and Scientists | \$18,370 |

Given the tight timeframe of most construction projects and the possibility that a testing firm may be unable to conduct the testing in the time allotted, staff recommends awarding a contract to the two lowest firms. Braun Intertec would be the primary testing firm and GeoServ, Inc used when the primary firm is unable to provide the tests in the allotted time.

This work will be funded through the Engineering Department and is included in the 2022 budget. The sum of the cost of the two contracts will not exceed \$25,000 in 2022.

**RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:**

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