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SUBJECT—

Granting extension of time and approving Change Order No. 1 with ASI-Modulex for additional work on 2003 Skywalk Directories and Overhead Signs.

SYNOPSIS—

Change Order No. 1 has been negotiated with ASI-Modulex, Thomas B. Latimer, President/CEO, 1219 Zimmerman Dr. S., Grinnell, Iowa, 50112 for additional work on the 2003 Skywalk Directories and Overhead Signs, to refurbish existing signs and make new directories ADA compliant.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Change Order No. 1 is for an amount not to exceed \$18,744.00. Funding for this change order is available in the Capital Improvements Program, Downtown Skywalk System, Account 543050, Fund CP038, Organization ENG990000, Project SID094, Index Code 389445.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval .

BACKGROUND—

This project involves furnishing and installing new skywalk overhead signs and wall-mounted directories; as well as replacement of existing signage, as necessary, associated with the new skywalk corridors and bridges from EMC Insurance Companies generally west to Allied

Insurance and Hotel Fort Des Moines. Nine City-owned overhead signs are to be installed, along with one new sign and five new directories.

As part of the detailed inspection of the City-owned overhead signs at ASI-Modulux's manufacturing plant in Grinnell, ASI-Modulux has identified that significant work needs to be done to refurbish these signs and has also identified electrical modifications that need to be made to meet current electrical codes. During the storage of the City-owned signs at the 4th & Grand Parking Garage, the screws that hold the trim to the main cabinet frame have corroded. The lenses and cabinets will be refurbished to a near-new condition and the electrical components will be updated to current code requirements. The design of the new directories will also be slightly modified to make them ADA compliant. The refurbishing cost for removing any corrosion and scratches, repolishing the frames, and installing new electrical components to return the signs to a near-new condition, averages \$1,960 per sign, which is a savings of over \$1,300 per sign compared to the cost of fabricating a completely new sign.

Due to the additional work, the City Engineer recommends an extension of the contract completion from March 31, 2004 to June 18, 2004.