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To: Board Members

From: Mark Nahra, County Engineer

Date: August 22, 2013

RE: Request for proposals to qualified consultants for Orton Slough drainage district improvement work

The Woodbury County Supervisors serve as trustees for several drainage districts, one being the Orton Slough district which covers an area of over 2900 acres north and east of Browns Lake. With many drainage district projects, the County Engineer and his staff members survey, design and supervise drainage improvement work in these districts. Due to our departmental work load with the additional bridge construction projects and the road improvements in the area of the new CF Industries plant, my department has not had sufficient time to complete a design for proposed drainage improvements on the Orton Slough. We have completed an extensive survey of the area, but have not had the staff hours available to complete a design for letting.

There are a number of engineering consultants with expertise that would allow them to assist the Board with work that my department does not have time to complete. I am willing to prepare a request for proposals for design work for drainage improvements that have been discussed with district landowners. Proposals could then be reviewed and a consultant selected by the Board for the work. Based on the estimated cost of the improvement, I would suggest that we contact at least three firms for proposals on for project design work.

RECOMMENDATION: I am recommending that the Board seek proposals from qualified consultants for work to design improvements to the Orton Slough. I am willing to review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board for award for the work if you so request.