



March 6, 2026

Request for Proposals

The City of Ames is inviting engineering firms to submit proposals for the project listed below with background information. Firms may decide to submit a proposal for consideration for this project. Staff will respond to those firms who submit proposals within one month of the specified submittal date.

PROJECT INFORMATION

G.W. Carver Avenue and Cameron School Road Intersection Improvements – Preliminary Engineering and TSIP Grant Application

Program Overview: The intersection of G.W. Carver Avenue and Cameron School Road is located on the boundary between the City of Ames and Story County. This intersection has been identified as a critical location for future transportation improvements due to projected traffic growth associated with planned and approved development in the surrounding area.

A roundabout has been identified as the preferred intersection treatment in lieu of a traffic signal, offering improved speed management, enhanced safety, better accommodation of multimodal users, and lower long-term maintenance costs. The Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) identifies a roundabout improvement at this location as Project N-47. The City of Ames and Story County have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share the costs of this preliminary phase of work.

Program Budget: The budget for engineering services under this solicitation is a maximum not to exceed \$100,000.

Location: This project is located at the intersection of G.W. Carver Avenue and Cameron School Road, on the boundary between the City of Ames and Story County, Iowa. A location map is attached for reference.

Professional Services: Services to be performed by the consultant include the following:

- Prepare a preliminary design for a modern single-lane roundabout at the intersection, based on a 35 MPH design speed for G.W. Carver Avenue.
- Evaluate existing conditions, including right-of-way limits, topography, drainage, access points, adjacent properties, utilities (surface and subsurface), and other site constraints.
- Analyze available survey/lidar data and utility information to identify geometric, grading, and constructability considerations. The consultant may include recommendations in their proposal for additional survey if seen as critical to this project.
- Develop a preliminary layout optimized to balance design standards with existing right-of-way, topography, utilities, and site constraints, minimizing impacts where practicable. The project is expected to use Iowa SUDAS standards along with other roundabout guidance as applicable.
- Provide sufficient detail to identify anticipated right-of-way impacts (permanent and temporary), utility conflicts, drainage considerations, and key horizontal and vertical design elements necessary to advance the project.
- Development of a detailed Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPC) for the roundabout improvement, any expected property acquisitions, and associated corridor work.

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- Preparation of a site-specific application to the Iowa Department of Transportation's Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP), with submission targeted for August 2026.
- Coordination with the City of Ames and Story County engineering staff throughout the project.
- Notification and coordination with right-of-way users and adjacent property owners as appropriate.

BASIS OF EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD

The proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Project Understanding / Analysis of Project Scope and Approach
- Design Team.
- Previous Experience with roundabout design and Iowa DOT grant applications.
- Availability to perform work.
- Estimated Contract Cost for engineering services – submitted in separate PDF.

The statements will be evaluated and ranked by a project evaluation team that will include representation from both the City of Ames and Story County. The award of a professional services contract will be based on this evaluation, pending negotiations with the top-ranked firm.

Please keep each submittal to a limit of 10 single sided (or 5 double sided) pages, not including the cover page.

SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

Please send a PDF copy of proposals to Damion.Pregitzer@cityofames.org

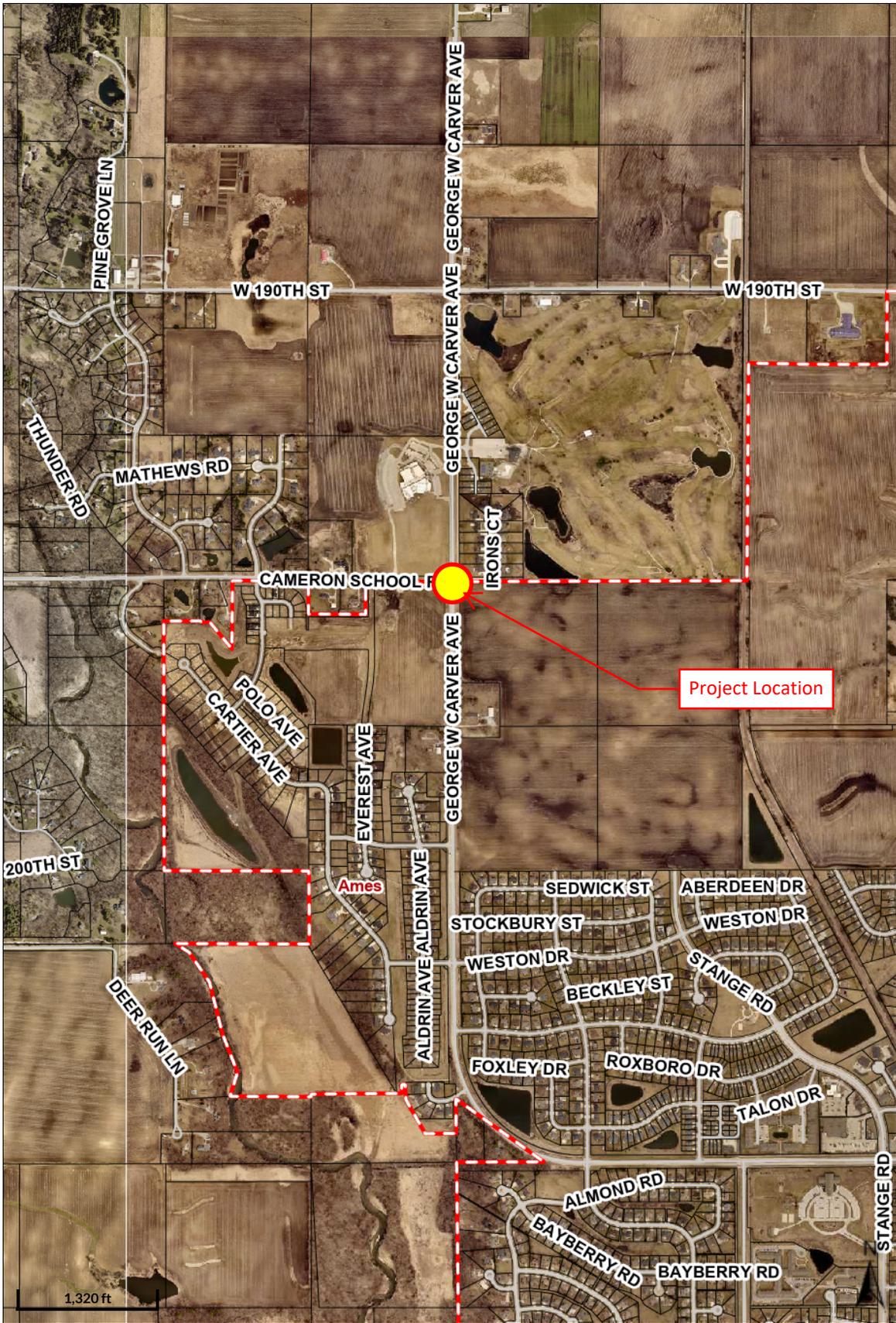
DEADLINE: The submittal deadline for the project will be 12:00 PM, March 27, 2026.

Sincerely,

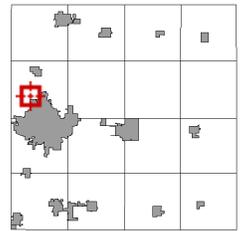


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Cameron School Rd & GW Carver Roundabout



Overview



Legend

- Parcels
- Corporate Limits
- Road Centerlines