



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

**To:** Mayor Graham and City Council  
**From:** Dennis Sullivan, Director of Public Works  
Walter Denton, City Administrator  
**Date:** January 20, 2009  
**Subject:** RESOLUTION – Land Acquisition Services for the Old Collinsville Road Widening and Reconstruction, Section 05-00035-00FP

**List of committees that have reviewed:** None.

**Background:** The project report for the reconstruction of Old Collinsville Road scheduled for this coming summer was only just recently approved by IDOT and the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration). Approval of this report allows the commencement of land acquisition (right-of-way, permanent easements and temporary construction easements). Bernardin-Lochmueller & Associates (BLA) was asked to provide proposals to both Fairview Heights and O'Fallon for land acquisition necessary to allow construction of the roadway as shown in the approved design. The lag in approval of the report has put both cities behind in the land acquisition process. BLA has the in-house staff to do the necessary appraisals, waivers of appraisal, negotiations for easements and right-of-ways, and necessary IDOT certifications of land acquisition processes. In this way, BLA can expedite the required land acquisition requirements.

**Legal Considerations, if any:** None beyond that of using consultant services.

**Budget Impact:** Motor fuel tax funding will be used for the required services.

**Staff recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the contract with Bernardin-Lochmueller & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$47,600.