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MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**Cc:** Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
**From:** Steven Boka, Director of Community Development  
**Date:** March 9, 2011  
**Re:** Request to issue Purchase Order – Muscatine Airport

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**INTRODUCTION:** The parallel taxiway (alpha) to the primary runway (6/24) suffered a blowup that has caused portions of the concrete to crack and spall. These types of blowups happen periodically and must be repaired to eliminate any damage to aircraft caused by loose debris and an unsuitable surface.

**BACKGROUND:** The Municipal Airport has suffered similar blowups in the past and has been successful in obtaining emergency funding (70%) from the state to assist in making the necessary repairs. However, the state denied our application for assistance in the last request since we have received assistance during similar incidents. The repair needs to be made before we can open this taxiway to traffic. The repair was discussed with City Council during the recent budget discussions and the cost has been included in the capital projects budget.

**RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:** Since the application for state assistance has been denied and the request has been discussed with the City Council during the recent budget and has been included in the capital projects portion of the budget, it is recommended that the City Council approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to Muscatine Bridge Company, Inc. in the amount of \$13,750.00 for the removal and replacement of 1,600 square feet of the parallel taxiway to primary runway 6/24 at the Muscatine Municipal Airport.