

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

ITEM	12	DECISION
TOPIC	Cultural Resource Evaluation Contract with ISU	

The Department requests Commission approval of a contract with Iowa State University (ISU) to perform cultural resource evaluations of DNR properties. Cultural resource evaluations include archaeological surveys and evaluation of historic properties to determine significance and eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

DNR is required to evaluate potential impacts to cultural resources as a condition of using federal funding and to comply with our agreement with the State Historical Society of Iowa. This agreement is intended to ensure that DNR complies with state and federal regulations regarding cultural resources. This agreement includes conditions and criteria that describe activities that are excluded from cultural resource evaluation and those activities that require formal evaluation through this contract. Information derived from these evaluations is used by area managers to protect any cultural resources that are identified on DNR lands.

The contract amount will be up to \$35,000 per fiscal year with funding coming from the Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund. The term of this contract shall be July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. DNR and ISU shall have the option to renew and extend this contract for subsequent periods, adding up to no more than 6 years total, by executing a signed contract amendment prior to the expiration of this contract.

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