



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PACKAGE

(Procurement per Article 3 of AS 36.30)

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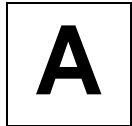


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Proposed Statement of Services

This program will contract with engineering firms to provide electrical engineering services for Alaska Energy Authority Strategic Plan and other transmission electrical engineering.

ISSUING OFFICE

Agency Contact & Phone No.....: Selwin C. Ray, Contracting Officer 907.771.3035
 Contracting Division: Alaska Energy Authority

PROJECT

RFP NUMBER: 24015
 Project Site (City, Village, etc.).....: Various, Alaska
 Project Title & Contract Description: Strategic Asset Plan

The primary goal of this RFP is to procure an engineering firm to perform various studies regarding the Alaska Railbelt transmission and electrical engineering work in the Railbelt or elsewhere in Alaska. Future scopes under this RFP would be by NTP.

SCHEDULE & PAYMENT

Anticipated period for performance-Begin/End: **June 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027** with the option for three additional one-year extensions (**June 30, 2030**)

Estimated amount of proposed contract:

- Less than \$200,000 \$200,000 to \$250,000
 \$250,000 to \$500,000 \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 or greater

Proposed Method(s) of Payment:

- Fixed Price Plus Expenses (FPPE) Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF)
 Other: Determined per individual NTPs

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE AND LOCATION

OFFERORS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ASSURE DELIVERY PRIOR TO DEADLINE (2 AAC 12.250). ONLY PROPOSALS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE FOLLOWING DATE AND TIME WILL BE OPENED.

DATE: **August 25, 2023**

PREVAILING TIME: **2:00 PM**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you downloaded this solicitation from the State's Website, you must self-register for the **Plan Holders list** to receive subsequent addenda. Failure to register may adversely affect your proposal. It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure that he has received all addenda affecting this RFP.

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To be registered as a plan holder please go to <https://www.aideaaeaprocurement.org>. Select Plan Holders registration within the solicitation, and complete the form. Other options to register are; to email AEAProcurement@akenergyauthority.org; call **907-771-3035** or fax 907-771-3044 and provide the **project name & number, company name & contact person, address, phone number & fax number**.

When submitting by proposals you may submit using **Email, U.S. mail or Delivery Service**.

1. **US MAIL OR DELIVERY SERVICE:** Offerors must submit one **hard copy** of their proposal, in writing, to the procurement officer in a sealed package. The **cost proposal** included with the package must be sealed separately from the rest of the proposal and must be clearly identified. The sealed proposal package(s) must be addressed as follows:

Alaska Energy Authority
Attention: **Selwin C. Ray**
, Contracting Officer
Request for Proposal (RFP) Number: **24015**
RFP Title: **Strategic Asset Plan**
813 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99503

2. **SUBMITTING VIA EMAIL,** the technical proposal and cost proposal must be saved as separate PDF documents and emailed to AEAProcurement@akenergyauthority.org as separate, clearly labeled attachments, such as "**Vendor A – Technical Proposal.pdf**" (Must include **Part D – Proposal Form**) and "**Vendor A – Cost Proposal.pdf**" (Vendor A is the name of the offeror). The email must contain the RFP number in the subject line.

The maximum size of a single email (including all text and attachments) that can be received is 20mb (megabytes). If the email containing the proposal exceeds this size, the proposal must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above.

Please note that email transmission is not instantaneous. Similar to sending a hard copy proposal, if you are emailing your proposal, we recommend sending it enough ahead of time to ensure the email deliver meet the deadline for receipt of proposals.

It is the offeror's responsibility to contact the **Procurement Officer** at PHONE NUMBER: **907-771-3035** to confirm that the proposal has been received. **Alaska Energy Authority** is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

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1. Competitive Sealed Proposals will be evaluated by a committee (2 AAC 12, Article 4). Evaluation of responses to criteria set forth in Part C results in a numerical score for each proposal. Each criterion in Part C has an assigned weight for this RFP which demonstrates its relative importance. The total of all weights is 100 (100%). Each one-percent weight equates to a range of 0-5 points per Evaluator. The maximum points (score) obtainable for any proposal is equal to the product of 500 multiplied by the number of Evaluators.
2. Scoring of proposals will be accomplished as follows:
 - 2.1 Each Evaluator will individually read and rate each Offeror's response to each criterion described in Part C - Section I - Technical Proposal. Ratings will be based solely on contents of proposal and in compliance with the Contracting Agency's standard Instructions for Evaluation Committee. Except as may be stated within any criterion description in Part C, a rating of "5" = Best Response from all Offerors; "4" to "1" = Progressively Less Responsive; "0" = Non-Responsive. Ratings are multiplied by the assigned weights for each criterion to obtain criteria scores.
 - 2.2 After completion of individual ratings in Part C, Section 1, Technical Proposal, the Evaluation Committee will meet to discuss proposals. Evaluators may then alter their ratings; however, any changes shall be based solely on the criteria set forth in Part C.
 - 2.3 After scoring Part C - Section I - Technical Proposal, criteria scores for Part C - Section II - Preferences, and Section III - Price (if applicable), will be calculated based on criteria descriptions.
 - 2.4 The total score for each Offeror will be obtained by summing the scores determined for each criterion in Sections I, II and III of Part C. The order of ranking for negotiations shall be as follows: highest scored Offeror will be ranked first, next highest scored second, and etcetera.
3. Evaluators may discuss factual knowledge of, and may investigate Offerors' and proposed Subcontractors' prior work experience and performance, including projects referenced in proposal, available written evaluations, etcetera, and may contact listed references or other persons knowledgeable of a Contractor's and/or a Subcontractor's past performance. Factors such as overall experience relative to the proposed contract, quality of work, control of cost, and ability to meet schedules may be addressed. If any issues of significant concern to the proposed contract are discovered, the Committee may:
 - 3.1 Provide written recommendations for consideration during contract negotiations;
 - 3.2 Conduct discussions in accordance with paragraph 4, below.
4. The Committee may decide to conduct discussions (or "interviews") with responsible Offerors whose proposals are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements (AS 36.30.240 & 2 AAC 12.290). Offerors selected by the Committee for discussions may be permitted to submit Best and Final Offers (BAFO) for final Committee Evaluation. After discussions and any BAFOs, Evaluators will determine the final scoring and ranking for contract negotiations by evaluating written and oral responses using only the criteria set forth in Part C of this RFP (2 AAC 12.260(b)).
5. All Offerors will be advised of the Offeror selected for negotiation and, after completion of negotiations, a Notice of Intent to Award will be provided to all Offerors. If contract negotiations are unsuccessful with Offeror(s) selected for negotiation, the Contracting Agency may either cancel the solicitation or negotiate with other Offerors in the order of ranking.

NOTICES

PART

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1. The Contracting Agency is an equal opportunity employer.
2. Copies of contract documents are available for review at the Contracting Agency's office. Offerors located outside the general vicinity of the Contracting Agency's office may telephone the Agency Contact identified on page one of this Part A for a discussion of such items.

General Conditions of the Professional Services Agreement are contained in the Small Procurement Standard Provisions Booklet, which is located on the Department's website under "Procurement."

The General Conditions are the **same** for both Competitive Sealed Proposals and Small Procurements.

3. Offerors are specifically advised that a contract shall not be in effect until a written agreement is executed by an authorized agent of the Contracting Agency. The Contracting Agency shall not be liable for any cost incurred by an Offeror in response to this solicitation, including any work done, even in good faith, prior to execution of a contract and issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

4. The Contracting Agency expressly reserves the right to waive minor informalities, negotiate changes or reject any and all proposals and to not award the proposed contract, if in its best interest. "Minor Informalities" means matters of form rather than substance which are evident from the submittal, or are insignificant matters that have a negligible effect on price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions and can be waived or corrected without prejudice to other Offerors (2 AAC 12.990).

5. All proposals shall be open for public inspection (AS 36.30.230) after a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Offerors should not include proprietary information in proposals if such information should not be disclosed to the public. Any language within a submittal purporting to render all or portions of a proposal confidential will be disregarded. Proprietary information which may be provided after selection for contract negotiations will be confidential if expressly agreed to by the Contracting Agency (AS 36.30.230).

6. Substitution for any personnel named in a proposal may result in termination of negotiations.

7. If it is discovered that a selected Offeror is in arrears on taxes due the State of Alaska, a contract may not be awarded until the Alaska Department of Revenue approves the payment provisions for the contract.

8. **Offerors and proposed subcontractors shall be in compliance with the statutory requirements for Alaska business licensing and professional registrations included in the certification statement on Page 2 of Part D in this RFP package.**

9. **PRICE COMPETITION:** Price cannot be an Evaluation Criterion in accordance with Article 3 of AS 36.30 for services that must be performed only by Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors, or Landscape Architects (A/E, LS or LA) licensed in the State of Alaska, UNLESS the provisions of AS 36.30.270(d) apply; i.e., unless the services required are repetitious in nature, and the nature and amount of services required are thoroughly defined by measurable and objective standards to reasonably enable firms or persons making proposals to compete with a clear understanding and interpretation of the services required. If price is a factor, a majority of the evaluation committee must be registered in Alaska to perform architectural, engineering, or land surveying services.

- 9.1 If the services performed do not require an A/E, LS or LA, then all Offerors including any A/E, LS or LA must provide Price Proposals in accordance with AS 36.30.270(b) and 2 AAC 12.260(c).

- 9.2 Price (or any estimate of labor hours) cannot be an Evaluation Criterion for contracts that will receive Federal-aid highway program funding per 23 CFR 172.7 and FAA Airport Improvement Program funding per AC 150/5100-14E, 2.1. For FAA exceptions: see AC 150/5100/14E, 2.4.

10. An audit of the selected Offerors' and proposed Subcontractors' cost accounting systems and business records may be required to ascertain if systems are adequate for segregating contract costs; to establish a maximum allowable Indirect Cost Rate for the Agency's negotiator; and to investigate the accuracy of proposed labor rates and unit prices. In order not to unduly delay contract negotiation or award, be prepared to submit Pre-Audit Statement, DOT&PF Form 25A257 immediately for your firm and any subcontract that may exceed \$250,000.

For contract amounts less than \$250,000, the Contracting Agency may require the Offeror and proposed Subcontractor to submit the Pre-Audit Statement if deemed necessary to determine allowable costs under Title 23 CFR requirements. If selected for negotiation, failure to submit properly completed Pre-Audit Statement(s) in a timely manner may disqualify an Offeror from further consideration. Information from Pre-Audit Statements and any Audit conducted for the Contracting Agency is considered proprietary and will be confidential.

11. Standard insurance provisions for Worker's Compensation, General and Automobile Liability, and Professional Liability are contained in DOT&PF Form 25A269, Indemnification and Insurance. Coverages may be modified under very limited circumstances. Offeror should not assume any modification of coverages.

12. Professional Liability Insurance for the proposed contract: is not required
 is required as shown on DOT&PF Form 25A269.

13. The proposed contract will will not be a Federally Assisted Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation. If it will be an assisted program, then the Offeror shall insert the following notification in all subcontract solicitations for bids or proposals pertinent to this RFP:

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, CFR, U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. DOT issued pursuant to such Act, in any Subcontract entered into pursuant to this RFP, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids or proposals and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin, in consideration for an award.

14. Pre-proposal Conference: None As follows:

15. Special Notices:

15.1 Per Alaska Statute (AS) 36.30.210(e): An Alaska Business License is required of Contractors who do business in Alaska at time of award. To qualify for the Alaska Offerors' Preference, under AS 36.30.321, an Offeror shall have a valid Alaska business license as a prerequisite to proposal. Information regarding applying for an Alaska Business License can be found on-line at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/BusinessLicensing.aspx> or by calling **1-907-465-2550**. The business license must be in the name of the company under which the proposal is submitted.

15.2 Effective May 8, 2015, the Department, in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation, adopted a Race-Neutral Disadvantaged Enterprise (DBE) Program for its federal-aid program. The Race-Neutral DBE program applies to federally-funded construction-related professional services solicitations, with the exception of FAA-funded projects located within the boundaries of the Department's Northern Region, which remain under a Race-Neutral Conscious DBE program.

The Department encourages contractors to utilize the DBEs in all Federal-aid projects to ensure the Department meets its overall DBE Utilization Goal. All DBE participation will count towards the Race-Neutral program. If you have any questions about this notice or the Department's DBE program, please contact the Civil Rights Office at (907) 269-0851 or refer to their website at <http://www.dot.alaska.gov/cvlrts/index.shtml>.

15.3 The Authority reserves the right to add **three additional one year extensions for a total of seven years**, with an authorized amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the first four years. If the options to extend are exercised, an additional funding may be added.

15.4 The Contracting Agency views these Term Agreements as one of the tools which may be used to accomplish its mission. The Contracting Agency reserves the right to accomplish these services through any other means.

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Offeror may use left margin to check off items when completed.

- [] 1. Offerors must carefully review this RFP Package for defects and questionable material and become familiar with submittal requirements. Submit written comments to the address shown under "Submittal Deadline and Location" on page 1 of Part A - RFP. Substantive issues will be addressed in a written addendum to all RFP recipients on record. Failure to comply with directions may result in a lower score and may eliminate an Offer from consideration. Protests based on alleged improprieties or ambiguities in a solicitation may be disallowed at the discretion of the Authority, if the protest is not received in writing at least ten work days prior to the Offer deadline (3 AAC 109.200).
- [] 2. Review Part A - RFP and the proposed Statement of Work and any other attached or referenced materials. If no Statement of Work is attached, telephone the Authority contact person identified on page 1 of Part A.
- [] 3. Review Part C - Evaluation Criteria. Read each criterion in light of the proposed Statement of Work. Note any project specific criteria which may have been added or any changes to standard criteria descriptions which may have been made. Be aware of the assigned weight for each criterion. If a weight is not entered for any criterion on Part C, notify the Agency contact person. Plan your proposal to address the applicable criteria. Criteria Responses shall not exceed the number of pages stated below.
- [] 4. Prepare a distinct Response for each criterion that has a weight more than zero. Failure to respond directly to any criteria weighted more than zero will result in an evaluation score of zero for that criteria. Any Responses to criteria weighted zero will be disregarded. Acceptable Responses must be specific and directly related to the Contracting Agency's proposed Statement of Work. Marketing brochures, marketing resumes, and other non-project specific materials will be discarded without evaluation and should not be submitted.
- [] 5. *Each criterion Response must be titled, numbered, and assembled in the order in which the criteria are listed in Part C, so the criterion to which information applies shall be plainly evident. Material not so identified or assembled may be discarded without evaluation.*
- [] 6. Price is is not an evaluation criterion for the proposed contract.
- [] 7. Complete all entries on Part D - Proposal Form. Note the statutory requirements for Alaska business licenses and professional registrations and be sure to sign and date the Certification. Copies of licenses and registrations may be provided with Offer, and will not count in the requirements of #8 below.
- [] 8. Attach Criteria Responses (*except any Billing Rates or Price Proposals*) to Part D - Proposal Form. The maximum number of attached pages (*each printed side equals one page*) for Criteria Responses shall not exceed: **Ten (10)**. Attached page limit does not include the four-page Part D - Proposal Form or Debarment Certification.
- Criteria Responses shall be presented in *8-1/2" X 11" format*, except for a minimal number of larger sheets (e.g. 11" x 17") that may be used (e.g. for schedules) if they are folded to 8-1/2" X 11" size.
- CAUTION: Criteria Responses which do not comply with the required page limit or presentation size, may result in disqualification. Further, small print or typeface that is difficult to read may negatively influence evaluation of your submittal and affect scoring for "Quality of Proposal."

CHECKLIST IS CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

Submittal Items

- [] 9.
- N/A
- [] 10. Parts A, B, and C of the RFP and the proposed Statement of Services shall not be returned to the Contracting Agency. *Offers shall consist of the following applicable items assembled as follows and in the order listed:*
- [] 10.1 Completed Part D - Proposal Form (generally at least one copy with original signature), Debarment Certification, and Responses to all evaluation criteria -- *except Billing Rate / Price Proposals* -- attached. Each copy shall be fastened with one staple in the upper left corner. No other form of binding shall be used and no cover and no transmittal letter will be included. CAUTION: Failure to comply with this instruction will negatively influence evaluation of Submittal.
- [] 10.2 Number of copies of Part D (*all pages*) and Criteria Responses (*except Billing Rates / Price Proposals*) required is: **Five (5) plus One (1) copy provided via electronic file on a flash drive when submitting by US Mail or Delivery Service. Only one copy is required when submitting by email.**
- [] 10.3 If *Billing Rates and/or Price Proposals* are required, *one copy* bound with one staple in the upper left corner separately enclosed in a sealed envelope marked on the outside to identify it as a *Billing Rates or Price Proposal* and the names of the Project and Offeror. Each *Billing Rates or Price Proposal* must be signed and dated by the person who prepares it (may be different signatures for each Subcontractor).
- [] 10.4 If Item 9 above is completed for this RFP Package, any submittal items described therein, unless otherwise stated, one copy only, bound appropriately.
- [] 10.5 CAUTION: If you replicate (other than by photocopy) Part D or any form in lieu of completing the forms provided by the Contracting Agency, provide a signed certification that lists such forms and attests that they are exact replicas of that issued by the Contracting Agency. Changed forms may be rejected at the Authority's discretion. Any alteration - other than completion of the required entries - may be cause for rejection without recourse.
- [] 11. Deliver *Offers in one sealed package* before the submittal deadline to the location and cited in Part A - RFP. *Mark the outside of the package* to identify the Project and the Offeror. Offers must be received prior to the specified date and time. Late Offers will not be opened (3 AAC 109.370).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criteria with a weight of zero are not applicable and should be disregarded. If a weight is not indicated for any criterion, telephone the Agency Contact person identified at the top of page 1 of Part A - RFP.

SECTION I - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

1. Objectives and Services

1. Weight: 5

Response must **demonstrate your comprehension of the objectives and services** for the proposed contract. Do not merely duplicate the Statement of Services provided with this RFP. Also, consider if Statement of Services is sufficiently explicit; are expressed or implied schedules attainable/economically feasible; etcetera? Explain. **Define any assumptions made** in formulating Criteria Response. If design services for a construction project are included, express any opinions regarding alternative design considerations that could impact construction costs.

2. Methods

2. Weight: 20

Response must outline the methods for accomplishing the proposed contract or, if methodology is contained in the proposed Statement of Services, address its adequacy. Describe what, when, where, how, and in what sequence the work will be done. Address how proximity to the Project site, *particular* geographic familiarity, experience, and capabilities of your firms (Offeror and Proposed Subcontractors) and Project Staff might *specifically* contribute to the proposed methods. Identify the amount and type of work to be performed by any Subcontractors. Consider how each task may be carried out; what services or interaction required from/with the Contracting Agency; etcetera. Suggest alternatives, if appropriate. Identify any **distinct and substantive qualifications** for undertaking the proposed contract such as the availability of specialized equipment or unique approaches or concepts **relevant to the required services** which the firms may use.

3. Management

3. Weight: 10

Response must describe the administrative and operational structures that will be used for performing the proposed contract. For example consider: who will have overall responsibility for the contract? Who will have direct responsibility for specific disciplines? What will the lines of authority be? Additionally, the Authority may want to inspect work products in progress and have a close ongoing working relationship with your Project Staff. Accordingly, your response should also identify where the various contract services will be performed, and how communications will be maintained between your Project Staff, the Authority, and (as applicable) any other government agencies or the public.

4. Proposed Project Staff

4. Weight: 25

Response must name the individuals to perform the following FUNCTIONS plus any other professional/technical functions you deem essential to perform the services. For each individual identified, describe the work to be performed and detail their specific qualifications and substantive experience directly related to the proposed contract. Include subcontractors directly involved in this contract. A response prepared specifically for this proposal is required. Marketing resumes often include non-relevant information which may detract from the evaluation of proposal. Lists of projects are not useful. Focus on each individual's specific duties and responsibilities and how their project experience is relevant to the proposed contract.

For each person named, identify their employer, professional discipline, years of experience working or engineering for Alaska, and state of residency, or job classification, current certifications and what role they will have under this contract. List at least 2 professional references (contact persons and telephone numbers) for each person.

Offerors which fail to provide a name for the individuals to perform the services below may be considered nonresponsive and their proposal will be rejected:

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1. Project Management (single point-of-contact directly engaged in contract performance)
2. Electrical Engineering

5. Workload and Resources

5. Weight: 0

Response must: (1) discuss both current and potential time commitments of your proposed Project Staff to all clients; (2) discuss the projected workload of each firm (Offeror and Proposed Subcontractors) for all clients; and (3) demonstrate adequate support personnel, facilities and other resources to provide the services required. Provide a list of current contracts with the Contracting Agency in which your proposed Project Staff are participating. Include all contracts statewide with regions, divisions, etc., of the Contracting Agency.

Briefly address capabilities for providing additional services and/or services under an accelerated schedule. Address capacity to reassign personnel, equipment and facilities whenever the proposed contract would not require such capabilities or was delayed.

6. Past Performance & Quality Control

6. Weight: 30

Response must describe previous projects the project team has worked on that are related in size and scope to this project. AEA most interested in transmission projects in Alaska, non-interconnected systems, or planning. Describe the dollar amount of the projects and a brief narrative of the successes of the projects. Address how the experience will help your team to perform under this contract. Provide references (contact name and phone number) for each project. Indicate which of the proposed firms and project staff was involved in each project. The State reserves the right to investigate referenced projects, contact references and research other projects that the respondent has worked on.

Include in your response a description of your firm's quality control process and how this process has affected the quality of your deliverables.

7. Quality of Proposal

7. Weight: 10

Offerors do not respond to this criterion. Committee members will rate this criterion based on their perception of the clarity, completeness and presentation of submittal. Note: This criterion is **NOT** used to evaluate color, graphics or other visual techniques except as they may detract from legibility.

8. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

49 CFR 26

8. Weight: 0

This solicitation is being conducted under the Department's Race Neutral Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for construction related professional services solicitations. Therefore, there is no DBE goal for this solicitation and the criterion has a weight of zero (0).

See rfp-a, section 15. Special Notices, paragraph 15.2.

SECTION II - PREFERENCES

9. Alaska Bidder (Offeror) Preference

23 CFR 172.7(a)(1)(iii)(C), AC 150/5100-14E, and 2 AAC 12.260(e)

Weight shall be "0" if any federal funding, otherwise weight shall be at least "10".**9. Weight: 0**

To be granted this preference:

Offeror must claim the Alaska Bidder (Offeror) Preference on page one of Part D Proposal Form. In claiming the Alaska Bidder (Offeror) Preference on page one of Part D, the Offeror is certifying that they meet the following requirements per AS 36.30.990:

- (A) Firm holds a current Alaska Business License;
- (B) Proposal is submitted under the name as appearing on the Firm's current Alaska Business License;
- (C) Firm has maintained a place of business within Alaska, staffed by the Firm or an employee of the Firm, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the offer;
- (D) Firm is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the State of Alaska, is a sole proprietorship, and the proprietor is a resident of Alaska, is a limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of Alaska, or is a partnership under AS 32.06, or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of Alaska; and
- (E) If the Firm is a Joint Venture, it is composed entirely of entities that qualify under (A) - (D).

Alaska Bidder (Offeror) Preference will be scored: Rating x Number of Evaluators x Weight = Criterion Score.

Rating will be as follows:

An Alaska Offeror's preference (i.e., a Rating of 5) will be assigned to the proposal of an Offeror who certifies (by claiming the preference on page one of Part D) that they are an Alaska Bidder (Offeror) as described above.

No Alaska Offeror's preference (i.e., a Rating of 0) will be assigned to the proposal of an Offeror who does not certify (by failure to claim the preference on page one of Part D) that it qualifies as an Alaska Bidder (Offeror) as described above.

No narrative response to this criterion is required within the Offeror's Proposal.



Alaska Energy Authority PROPOSAL FORM

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THIS FORM MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE OF PROPOSAL. Attach criteria responses as explained in Part B - Submittal Checklist. No transmittal letter or cover sheet will be used.

PROJECT

Project Title:: Strategic Asset Plan
RFP No.: 24015

OFFEROR (CONTRACTOR)

Contractor.....:
Street.....:
P.O. Box.....:
City, State, Zip.....:
Alaska Business License Number:
Federal Tax Identification No.:
DOT&PF DBE Certification No. (if any):
Individual(s) to sign contract:
Title(s):
Type of business enterprise (check one).....: [] Corporation in the state of . :
[] Individual [] Partnership [] Other(specify) :

ALASKA STATUTORY PREFERENCES (IF NO FEDERAL FUNDING)

Check the applicable preferences that you claim for the proposed contract (reference Criteria 11, 12 & 13 in Part C):
[] Alaska Bidder (Offeror) **AND>>** [] Veterans **AND>>** [] Employment Program or [] Disabled Persons

PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

<u>Service, Equipment, etc.</u>	<u>Subcontractor & Office Location</u>	<u>AK Business License No.</u>	<u>DOT&PF DBE Certification No.</u>

CERTIFICATIONS

I certify: that I am a duly authorized representative of the Contractor; that this Submittal accurately represents capabilities of the Contractor and Subcontractors identified herein for providing the services indicated; and that the requirements of the Certifications on page 2 and 3 of this Part D for 1) Alaska Licenses/Registrations, 2) Insurance, 3) Federal-Aid Contracts exceeding \$100,000, 4) Cost and Pricing Data, 5) Trade Restrictions/Suspension/Debarment, 6) Foreign Contracting, 7) DBE Commitment, and 8) Former Public Officer – will be complied with in full. These Certifications are material representations of fact upon which reliance will be placed if the proposed contract is awarded. Failure to comply with these Certifications is a fraudulent act. The Contracting Agency is hereby authorized to request any entity identified in this proposal to furnish information deemed necessary to verify the reputation and capabilities of the Contractor and Subcontractors. This proposal is valid for at least ninety days.

Signature : _____
Name : _____
Title..... : _____
Date: _____
Telephone (voice): _____
(fax): _____
Email Address: _____

CERTIFICATION FOR ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS

PART

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Contractor and all Subcontractors shall comply with the following applicable requirements of Alaska Statutes:

1. **Alaska Business License** (Form 08-070 issued under AS 43.70) at the time contract is awarded as required by AS 36.30.210(e) for Contractor and all Subcontractors. In accordance with Administrative Manual, Section 81.120, proof of application for an Alaska Business license will satisfy this requirement. Per AAM 81.120, acceptable evidence that the offeror possesses a valid Alaska business license consists of any one of the following:
 - a. Copy of the Alaska business license.
 - b. A canceled check that demonstrates payment for the Alaska business license fee.
 - c. A copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the State's business license office.
 - d. A sworn notarized affidavit that the bidder/offeror applied and paid for the Alaska business license.
 - e. Other forms of evidence acceptable to the Department of Law.
2. **Certificate of Registration** for each individual to be in "responsible charge" (AS 08.48.341(11-14)) for Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, or Landscape Architecture (Form 08-2407 issued under AS 08.48.211) issued prior to submittal of proposal. Associates, consultants, or specialists under the supervision of a registered individual in "responsible charge" are exempt from registration requirements (AS 08.48.331).
3. **Certificate of Authorization for Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, and Limited Liability Partnerships** for Contractors and Subcontractors for Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, or Landscape Architecture (Form 08-2407 issued under AS 08.48.241). Entities offering to provide Architectural, Engineering or Land Surveying services do not need to be registered for such disciplines at the time proposal is submitted provided they obtain registration prior to contract award (AS 08.48.241).
4. **Certificate of Incorporation** (Alaska firms) or **Certificate of Authorization for Foreign Firm** ("Out-of-State" firms). All corporations, regardless of type of services provided, must have one of the certificates (AS 10.06.218 and other sections of Title 10.06 - Alaska Corporations Code).
5. **Current Board of Director's Resolution** for incorporated Contractors and incorporated Subcontractors for Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying or Landscape Architecture (reference AS 08.48.241) that names the person(s) designated in "responsible charge" for each discipline. Such persons shall be licensed in Alaska and shall participate as project staff in the Contract/Subcontracts.
6. **All partners** in a Partnership to provide Architectural, Engineering, Land Surveying, or Landscape Architecture **must be legally registered in Alaska** prior to submittal of proposal for at least one of those disciplines (AS 08.48.251) which the Partnership offers.
7. **Joint Ventures**, regardless of type of services provided, must be licensed/registered in the legal name of the Joint Venture as used in this proposal (AS 43.70.020 and 43.70.110(4)).
8. **Contracts for Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, or Landscape Architecture** may not be awarded to individuals, corporations or partnerships not in compliance, respectively, with the provisions of paragraph 2, 3, and 6, above (AS 36.90.100).

For information about licensing, Offerors may contact the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing at P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806, or at Telephone (907) 465-2550, or at Internet address: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl>

CERTIFICATION FOR INSURANCE

Contractor will ensure that it and all Subcontractors have insurance coverage to effectuate the requirements of DOT&PF Form 25A269, Indemnification and Insurance.

CERTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL-AID CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$100,000

The individual signing this proposal certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, in accordance with its instructions. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed if the proposed contract is awarded. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into the proposed contract imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. The Contractor also agrees by submitting this proposal that Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 and that all such Subcontractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.

CERTIFICATION – COST AND PRICING DATA

In accordance with AS 36.30.400, any cost and pricing data submitted herewith, or in any future price proposals for the proposed contract, will be accurate, complete and current as of the date submitted and will continue to be accurate and complete during the performance of the contract, if awarded.

The Contractor certifies that all costs submitted in a current or future price proposal are allowable in accordance with the cost principles of the Federal Acquisition Regulations of Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 31 and that the price proposal does not include any costs which are expressly unallowable under the cost principles of the FAR of 48 CFR 31. In addition, all known material transactions or events that have occurred affecting the firm's ownership, organization and indirect costs rates have been disclosed.

CERTIFICATION – TRADE RESTRICTIONS AND SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

The individual signing this proposal certifies to the best of his or her knowledge that the Contractor and any subcontractors are in compliance with DOT&PF 25A262 Appendix A, General Conditions, Article A25 and Article A26.

CERTIFICATION - FOREIGN CONTRACTING

By signature on this solicitation, the offeror certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States. If the offeror cannot certify that all work is being performed in the United States, the offeror must contact the Contracts Officer to request a waiver at least 10 days prior to proposal deadline. The offeror must provide with their submission a detailed description of the portion of work being performed outside the United States, where, by whom, and the reason the waiver is necessary. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the state to reject the bid or proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

CERTIFICATION – DBE COMMITMENT

For federal-aid projects with DBE goals: if the Contractor submits a utilization report that proposes to use certified DBE's in the performance of work, the Contractor certifies that every effort will be made to meet or exceed the proposed percentage.

In addition, the Contractor certifies that a Consultant Registration form shall be submitted to the DBE/Civil Rights Office for their firm and each subconsultant prior to award.

CERTIFICATION – FORMER PUBLIC OFFICER

Any proposer listing as a member of the proposer's team a current public officer or a former public officer who has left state service within the past two years must submit a sworn statement from that individual that the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act does not prohibit his or her participation in this project. If a proposer fails to submit a required statement, the proposal may be deemed nonresponsive or nonresponsible, and rejected, depending upon the materiality of the individual's proposed position.

The Ethics Act bars a public officer who leaves State service from representing, advising or assisting a person for compensation regarding a matter –

that was under consideration by the administrative unit in which the officer served, and in which the officer participated personally and substantially through the exercise of official action,

for two years after leaving state service. See AS 39.52.180(a). "Public officer" includes a state employee, a member of a state board and commission, and a trustee of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust. "Official action" means a recommendation, decision, approval, disapproval, vote, or other similar action or inaction. Possible remedies for violating the bar include penalties against the former public officer and voiding the state grant, contract or lease in which the former public officer is involved.

Additionally, former public officers may not disclose or use information acquired in the course of their official duties that could in any way result in a benefit to the former public officers or their families, if the information has not been disseminated to the public or is confidential by law, without appropriate authorization. See AS 39.52.140.

Each current or former public officer is responsible for determining whether he or she may serve in the listed capacity on this project without violating the Ethics Act. A form that a former public officer may use to certify their eligibility is attached. Current public officers may seek advice from their designated ethics supervisors concerning the scope and application of the Ethics Act. Former public officers may, in writing, request advice from the Office of the Attorney General, Ethics Attorney concerning the application of the Ethics Act to their participation in this project. It is the responsibility of the individual and the proposer to seek resolution in a timely manner of any question concerning the individual's eligibility.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Appendix D in Professional Services Agreements

Project No:	24015
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CONTRACTOR shall include the provisions of this form in all subcontracts that exceed \$25,000 and shall ensure Subcontractor's compliance with such provisions.

ARTICLE D1 INDEMNIFICATION

D1.1 The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the CONTRACTING AGENCY from and against any claim of, or liability for negligent acts, errors or omissions of the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall not be required to indemnify the CONTRACTING AGENCY for a claim of, or liability for, the independent negligence of the CONTRACTING AGENCY. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the CONTRACTOR and the independent negligence of the CONTRACTING AGENCY, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. "CONTRACTOR" and "CONTRACTING AGENCY", as used within this article, include the employees, agents and other contractors who are directly responsible, respectively, to each. The term "Independent Negligence" is negligence other than in the CONTRACTING AGENCY's selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling of the CONTRACTOR and in approving or accepting the CONTRACTOR's Work.

D1.2 The CONTRACTOR shall exercise that degree of skill, care and judgment commensurate with the professional standards for the services of a similar nature. When such standards are in dispute, they shall be established by a panel of three qualified, impartial professionals objectively selected and appointed by the Appeals Officer.

D1.3 The CONTRACTOR shall correct, through re-performance at its expense, any services which are deficient or defective because of the CONTRACTOR's failure to perform said services in accordance with professional standards, provided the CONTRACTING AGENCY has notified the CONTRACTOR in writing within a reasonable time, not to exceed 60 days, of the discovery of any such deficiency during the performance of the services and within 12 months of the date of final payment under this Agreement.

ARTICLE D2 INSURANCE

D2.1 Without limiting the CONTRACTOR's indemnification, it is agreed that CONTRACTOR shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times for the duration of this Agreement, plus one year

following the date of final payment, the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the CONTRACTOR's policy contains higher limits, the CONTRACTING AGENCY shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of insurance must be furnished to the CONTRACTING AGENCY and incorporated into this Agreement with copies attached to this document. Certificates must provide for the CONTRACTING AGENCY to receive notice of any policy cancellation or reduction per AS 21.36 Sections 210-310. Failure to furnish certificates of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach and grounds for termination of the CONTRACTOR's services and may preclude other Agreements between the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

D2.1.1 Worker's Compensation Insurance: The CONTRACTOR shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this Agreement, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal USL&H and Jones Act requirements. The policy(s) must waive subrogation against the State of Alaska.

D2.1.2 Commercial General Liability Insurance: Such policy shall have **minimum** coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence, covering all business premises and operations used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement. The policy shall be written on an "occurrence" form and shall not be written as a "claims-made" form unless specifically reviewed and agreed to by the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

D2.1.3 Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance: Such policy shall have **minimum** coverage of \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence covering all vehicles used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement.

D2.1.4 Professional Liability (E&O) Insurance: Covering all negligent errors or omissions, and negligent acts, which the CONTRACTOR, Subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, make in the performance of this Agreement which result in financial loss to the State of Alaska. Limits required are per the following schedule:

MINIMUM LIMITS OF E&O INSURANCE

Contract Amount	Combined Single Limit, Per Occurrence & Annual Aggregate
Under \$25,000	As Available
\$25,000 to \$100,000	\$300,000
\$100,000 to \$499,999	\$500,000
\$500,000 to \$999,000	\$1,000,000
\$1,000,000 and over	Negotiable

D2.1.5 Professional Liability Insurance required for this Agreement is \$ 1,000,000.00

**ARTICLE D3
MODIFICATION OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

(Article D3 is completed only when some of the standard insurance coverages are not applicable.)

CONTRACTOR RELATED MODIFICATIONS

- D3.1 **Workers Compensation Insurance** is not required because the CONTRACTOR is an Independent Contractor, Sole Proprietor or Self-Employed Person having no employees in any sense of AS 23.30.045.

- D3.2 **Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance** is not required because the general public and clients do not have any business access to a place of business or home office maintained by the CONTRACTOR.

- D3.3 **Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance** is not required because only public transportation, or a rented passenger vehicle with business use insurance, will be used to accomplish requirements of this Agreement.

PROJECT RELATED MODIFICATIONS FOR E&O COVERAGE

When services may apply to fire, life safety or structural aspects and/or wherever the services should safeguard life, limb, health or property, Professional Liability Insurance shall be required.
(E&O Coverage may be waived only if it was specifically not required within the solicitation for proposals.)

- D3.4 **Professional Liability (E&O) Insurance** is not required because: 1) the CONTRACTING AGENCY's use of the services or Work products obtained from the CONTRACTOR will not result in significant exposure to any third party claims for loss or damage; and 2), the CONTRACTOR services will not apply to any construction, alteration, demolition, repair or direct use of any highway, airport, harbor, building or other structure.

- D3.5 **Professional Liability (E&O) Insurance** is not required because this Agreement is for one of the following applicable (*checked*) services for which E&O coverage is not needed:
 - Right-of-Way Fee Appraisals
 - Photogrammetric Mapping Services
 - Architectural/Engineering review of Construction Bid Documents wherein design responsibility clearly remains with the designer of record.

OTHER BASIS FOR MODIFICATIONS

(Requires written concurrence from Division of Risk Management)

- D3.6 Attached Exhibit D-1 identifies and provides justification for insurance modifications.

Above *checked* modifications of the insurance requirements specified in Article D2 are hereby approved:

CONTRACTING OFFICER Signature: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

APPENDIX E

Project No: **24015**
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Contractor and all Subcontractors shall comply with the following applicable requirements:

1. For Procurements over the Small Procurement Limits, **Alaska Business License** (Form 08-070 issued under AS 43.70) at the time designated for award as required by AS 36.30.210(e) for Contractor and all Subcontractors.
2. **Certificate of Registration** for each individual to be in "responsible charge" (AS 08.48.341(14)) for Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying or Landscape Architecture (Form 08-2407 issued under AS 08.48.211) issued prior to submittal of proposal. Associates, consultants, or specialists under the supervision of a registered individual in "responsible charge" are exempt from registration requirements (AS 08.48.331).
3. **Certificate of Incorporation (Alaska firms) or Certificate of Authorization** for Foreign Firm ("Out-of-State" firms). All corporations, regardless of type of services provided, must have one of the certificates (AS 10.06.218 and other sections of Title 10.06 - Alaska Corporations Code).
4. **Current Board of Director's Resolution** for incorporated Contractors and incorporated Subcontractors for Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, or Landscape Architecture (AS 08.48.241), which names the person(s) designated in "responsible charge" for each discipline. Such persons shall be licensed in Alaska and shall participate as project staff in the Contract / Subcontracts.

5. **Corporations, limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships** shall have a valid Certificate of Authorization under 08.48.241 prior to award.
6. **All partners** in a Partnership to provide Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, or Landscape Architecture **must be legally registered in Alaska** prior to submittal of proposal for at least one of those disciplines (AS 08.48.251) that the Partnership offers.
7. **Joint Ventures**, regardless of type of services provided, must be licensed/registered in the legal name of the Joint Venture as used in this proposal (AS 43.70.020 and 43.70.110(4)).
8. The Contractor certifies that firms or individuals **debarred or suspended by the Department, State or Federal agencies** are not employed or subcontracted under this Professional Services Agreement.

The Contractor will ensure that it and all Subcontractors have insurance coverage to effectuate the requirements of Appendix D, "Indemnification and Insurance", DOT&PF Form 25A269, as prepared for this Agreement.

I certify that I am a duly authorized representative of the Contractor and that the above requirements will be complied with in full. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed if the proposed contract is awarded.

Signature _____ Date _____
Name :
Title :

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STATEMENT OF SERVICES

APPENDIX B

Project No: 24015
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Strategic Asset Plan

ARTICLE Bx ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Bx.1 General. The Contractor shall provide services as identified and authorized by sequentially numbered Notices-to-Proceed. The Contractor shall not perform services or incur billable expense except as authorized by a NTP.

Bx.2 Project Staff. All services must be performed by or under the direct supervision of the following individuals (replacement of, or addition to, the Project Staff named below shall be accomplished only by prior written approval from the Contracting Agency:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project Responsibilities</u>
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ENTER NAMES OF CONTRACTOR'S &
SUBCONTRACTOR'S KEY STAFF

Bx.3 Professional Registration. All reports, plans, specification, estimates and similar work products provided by the Contractor shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Registered Alaskan Engineer or Land Surveyor in responsible charge for the services. These Engineers or Land Surveyors shall be currently registered in the State of Alaska and they shall sign, seal and certify as to the accuracy of each final work product for which they are responsible.

Bx.4 Billing Reports. The Contractor shall provide a two-page (typical) report with each monthly billing for months in which services are performed. The report shall specifically describe the services and other items *for which the billing is submitted*, and shall estimate the percent the services are complete. Any delayed costs from previous billing periods that are included in the current billing must be clearly explained in the report.

Bx.5 Correspondence. All correspondence prepared by the Contractor shall bear the Contracting Agency's assigned Project name and numbers (State & Federal).

Bx.6 Documents and Reports shall be printed with solid black letters that are double spaced on white, 8.5 inch x 11 inch bond or "Xerox Copy" paper. Other size paper may be used for illustrations if they are folded to 8.5 inch x 11-inch size. Original documents and reports shall be printed on one side of the paper only and shall be ready for copying. Documents and reports shall have no black and white photographs, color photographs, or multicolored graphics except as specifically approved by the Contracting Agency. Original, camera ready, copies

of final documents and reports shall be submitted to the Contracting Agency for a check before printing.

B.x.6.1 Copies. When the Contract calls for multiple copies of documents or reports, the copies shall be printed on both sides of the paper. However, the cover and pages with approved illustrations, multicolored graphics, or photographs shall be printed on one side of the page only. All copies - except for originals - shall be bound.

Bx.6.2 Page Numbers. All documents shall be page numbered to allow every major Section, Chapter, Appendix, etc., to begin on a "right hand," odd numbered page.

Bx.6.3 Covers. The cover of all documents and reports shall include the following information:

- a. Name of document or report.
- b. Date.
- c. Indicate whether draft or final.
- d. Project Name.
- e. State and Federal Project Number(s).
- f. Prepared for: Alaska Energy Authority
- g. Prepared by:
- h. Map and/or picture of project area.

Bx.7 Contractor Name on Plan Sheets and Documents. No Contractor logos shall be allowed on any electronic or hard copy document produced for the Contracting Agency. The Contractor company name shall be included in the box above or below the engineer's seal on each plan sheet. Documents produced for the Contracting Agency shall include the Contractor's company name at the bottom right of the first page, cover sheet or title sheet only. Contractor letterhead shall be allowed only as exhibits in document appendices. The Contractor name shall be in the same font as other lettering on the plan sheet or document, shall be 1/16" or less in height on 11"X17" plan sheets, and shall be in the following format:

PLANS DEVELOPED BY:
COMPANY NAME

Bx.8 Plans, Maps, and Plats.

Bx.8.1 Right-of-Way Base Maps and the **Right-of-Way Maps** shall be submitted to the Contracting Agency with the scale and layout specified by the Contracting Agency. Final Right-of-Way Base Maps shall be submitted on vellum or mylar. Final Right-of-Way maps shall be on mylar. **Parcel Plats** shall be submitted on paper with a scale that presents the information legibly and clearly in

the Contracting Agency's standard A1, 841 x 594 mm format. A title block and border drawing file will be supplied by the Contracting Agency for the Parcel Plats.

Bx.8.2 Drafting: All drawings shall be submitted in either Autocad, current format, or DXF format. All submissions shall include the Autocad drawing files, or DXF drawing files, on CD ROM discs. A standard layering scheme provided by the Contracting Agency shall be used. Failure to adhere to this scheme will be cause for rejection. The drafting procedures shall be as outlined in the Contracting Agency's Highway Design Drafting Manual -- including current metric revisions.

Bx.9 Specifications and Estimates shall be submitted with solid black letters that are double spaced on white, 8.5 inch x 11-inch bond or "Xerox Copy" paper. They shall be printed on one side of the paper only and shall be ready for copying. Specifications and estimates shall contain no graphics and no photographs except as specifically approved by the Contracting Agency.

Bx.9.1 Copies of the Specifications shall be printed on both sides of the paper and shall be bound with a comb binder. Copies of the estimates shall be single sided. For Reviews, copies of estimates shall be included as the first item behind the cover of the Specifications.

Bx.9.2 All Specifications shall also be submitted on CD ROM discs as document files for Microsoft Word current edition or compatible software written for IBM compatible personal computers.

Bx.10 Revisions: The Contractor shall modify work products in response to direction from the Contracting Agency. Corrections, adjustments, or modifications necessitated by the review/approval process, but which do not substantially affect the scope, complexity, or character of the services, shall be considered a normal part of the Contractor's services.

Bx.10.1 Errors and Omissions: Except as described in this Statement of Services, work products shall be essentially complete when submitted to the Contracting Agency. Work products having significant errors or omissions will not be accepted until such problems are corrected.

Bx.10.2 Review Meetings: Following each review the Contracting Agency will provide written comments and may hold a meeting to discuss the issues. The Contractor's personnel who are in-responsible-charge for the work products under review shall attend the meeting and they may be asked to interpret and provide explanations of the content.

Bx.10.3 Comment Resolution: The Contractor shall provide a written response with subsequent submittals that address all written and oral comments from the

Contracting Agency. All changes from previous submittals shall be clearly explained.

Bx.11 Reproduction and Distribution: When the contract requires only the original or only one copy of a work product to be delivered, the Contracting Agency will reproduce and distribute any other copies required. Items delivered for reproduction shall be organized and camera ready for copying and not stapled or otherwise bound.

Bx.12 The Contractor shall develop the Estimate for this project using the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Bidtab IV program. Access to the program and instructional documentation for the software will be provided to the Contractor.

Bx.13 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) The Authority reserves the right to process performance reports measuring the Contractor's performance against milestones and targets established within each assigned NTP. The Authority and the Contractor shall work collaboratively to ensure the highest service level is maintained throughout the life of the contract.

Strategic Plan for Railbelt Assets

Background

As Alaska's lead agency for statewide energy policy and program development, Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) collaborates with utilities, private companies, legislators, local governments, and Alaskan energy innovators to diversify the state's energy portfolio. In addition, AEA owns major components of the transmission system named the Railbelt electric grid.

The Railbelt electric grid is unique in North America as it is a fully functioning, long-distance electrical grid with a relatively small load. The Railbelt is characterized by three load-generation regions. These load-generation concentrations are known as the Northern Region (Fairbanks-Delta Junction), the Central Region (Anchorage-MatSu), and Southern Region (the Kenai Peninsula). The Southern and Central regions are joined by a single, 140 mile long 115 kV transmission line through many avalanche areas. The Central and Northern Regions are connected by a 169-mile, 138 kV line through mountainous terrain accessible only by helicopter. The grid provides electricity to approximately 70% of the state's population and generates 80% of the electricity in Alaska. It extends over 700 miles from the Bradley Lake Project, located at the head of Kachemak bay near Homer, Alaska, in the Southern Region, to Delta Junction in the Northern Region, roughly the distance from Washington, DC to Atlanta, Georgia, as depicted in Figure 1. The grid traverses inhospitable, mountainous, subarctic terrain. The region is laced with highly active seismic zones and is subject to volcanic eruptions, forest fires, flooding, and fierce annual winter storms. The grid's assets vary from high voltage (138 kV and 230 kV) submarine cable crossings in Cook Inlet to remote "helicopter/riverboat - access-only" river crossings and numerous transmission structures at high elevations in this subarctic environment.



Figure 1: Alaska's Railbelt Grid

The Railbelt's Northern Region is loosely interconnected, primarily at 69kV and 138kV. The Central Region is moderately well interconnected with multiple 230, 138, and 115 kV lines. The Southern Region is interconnected at 115 kV but includes a radial feed to the Seward Electrical Service system. A tight power pool operates in the Central Region and an active economy energy market exists between regions but is severely limited by transmission constraints and a lack of transmission lines. A generation contingency reserve-sharing pool exists between all three regions. Because the transmission interconnections are vulnerable to single contingencies, each region is responsible for its own operating and off-line reserves. Due to the relatively feeble regional interconnections, the Railbelt grid is technically characterized as "transient stability limited," with machines under dynamic stress swinging against other machines within the region, and with regions swinging against each other across the light interregional interconnections. The grid is susceptible to transient stability and large-scale, small-signal instability oscillations.

Voltage stability, which varies from marginal to good depending on the specific area, has been improved with the addition of six static volt-amps-reactive (VAR) compensators at critical locations. The grid operates under a subset of NERC standards modified to account for the scale, nature, and economic limitations of the interconnection (the grid's system bias is variable and ranges from 3-10 MW/.1 hertz). In 2024 these standards will become mandatory and enforceable under a recently certificated electric reliability organization, the Railbelt Reliability Council. The grid

has a sophisticated under-frequency load shed scheme which sheds load to match generation in four stages with varying time delays and includes frequency rate of change relays. Traditional day-ahead and real-time security constrained economic dispatch are run in each Load Balancing Area (LBA) with net interchange, and frequency monitored and managed to Alaska standard AK BAL-001 which incorporates NERC CPS 1 and 2. Dynamic events on the grid occur and resolve very quickly (2-10 seconds) when compared with the much larger North American grids (the Eastern Interconnection, the Western Interconnection, and ERCOT), which resolve in tens of minutes. The grid's peak demand is roughly 750 MW compared to ERCOT's peak demand of 85,000 MW. The grid's annual energy consumption is approximately 4,800 GWH compared to ERCOT's at 339,000 GWH.

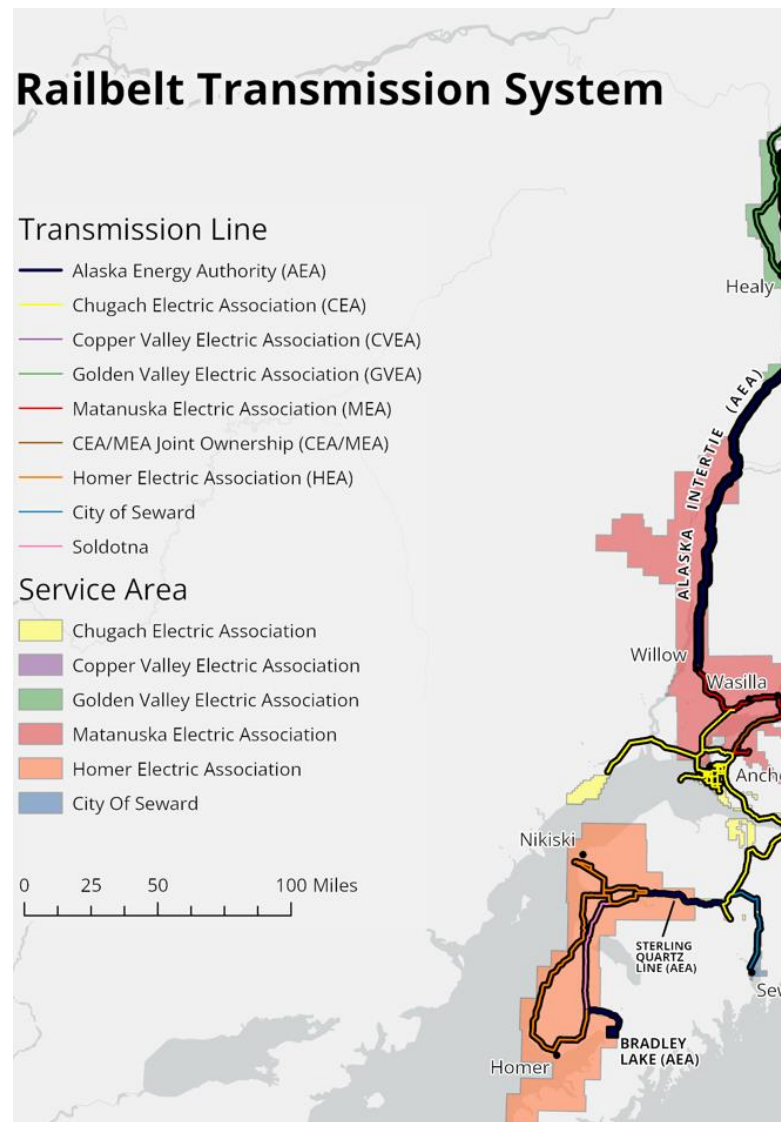
Scope of Work

The Contractor shall perform electrical engineering studies for AEA on a Statewide bases. Tasking will be by Notice-to-Proceed (NTPs). The first NTP will be to develop a Railbelt Strategic Asset Plan. The Owner/Operators of Railbelt transmission are:

- Homer Electric Association
- Chugach Electric Association
- City of Seward
- Matanuska Electric Association
- Golden Valley Electric Association
- Alaska Energy Authority

Utilities need to be extensively consulted to determine system characteristics and priorities.

Figure 2 shows the transmission and ownership.



This strategic plan will comprehensively address the following:

1. Load Forecast (load forecast will be shared w RRC for IRP and/or others)

Meet with each Railbelt utility and prepare future utility load forecasts. Factor in

- efficiency
- residential solar impacts
- electric vehicle energy
- heat pump
- Distributed energy resources

Limited number of new industrial loads are to be assumed (TBD with utilities).

Daily, seasonal, and annual capacity peaks & valleys and energy forecasted. Forecasts to be prepared for low, medium, and high growth scenarios. Utilities have been working with Alaska Center Energy & Power (ACEP)

during 2023 to develop a load forecast. Information ACEP has developed shall be used as much as possible to reduce work and have consistent forecasts for planning.

2. Transmission

Given existing Railbelt transmission, current generation retirement schedule, new planned generation, and potential renewable projects and load forecasts perform a Power Flow Study, transient stability study, and economic dispatch study to:

- Create an end-to-end transmission system not vulnerable to voltage transformations at intermediate locations (e.g. Teeland substation).
- Reduce vulnerability to transient instability by increasing voltage (e.g. to 230kV)
- Plan a reliable and resilient transmission systems consistent with transmission planning standards. Reliability and resiliency are defined as follows:
 - a. Reliability: Consultation with all Railbelt utilities shall be completed in order to determine the breadth and scope of the meaning of reliability. The reliability standards used by the Intertie Management Committee (IMC) may be referenced. Possible definitions of reliability may be “n-1” or “loss of load”; however, it shall be noted when the definition of reliability differs from that of the definitions used by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).
 - b. Resiliency: Consultation with all Railbelt utilities shall be completed in order to determine the breadth and scope of the meaning of resiliency. In general, resiliency will be defining ways to mitigate major events that would affect transmission or load generation (i.e. loss of generation, and therefore, a different source of power needs to be routed in). Following is a listing of major events that are likely to affect the Railbelt: seismic activity, avalanches, wild fires, winter storms, wind storms, human, etc.

Transmission system plan should:

- be sized in general to handle 2.5 times or more than the current load.
- Be able to efficiently transmit energy flows from highest likelihood large renewable projects (consult with utilities on large potential renewable projects).
- Address changes in transmission with changes in future generation such as natural gas generation decreasing, renewables (wind, solar, hydro) increasing or small scale distributed energy storage or generation. Effects on system stability?
- Reduce losses so that economics of energy transfers are less affected by existing high incremental losses.
- Transmission needs to take into account seasonality and daily variance of generation
- Utilize Battery storage systems locations to provide regulation/resilience
- Residential battery storage systems adoption effect, if any, on regulation/resilience.
- Based on resiliency, reliability, and economic factor propose prioritization of project design and construction.

3. Cost Estimating

Where there are existing cost estimates for generation or transmission projects revise to Alaska current costs using construction indexes or other methods. Include:

- Cost estimate for 2nd path off Kenai
- Cost estimate for Road belt transmission loop (to Copper Valley & north)
- Cost estimate for any new project.
- In the context of new large non-firm projects determine required regulation projects for daily, weekly, and seasonal regulation. Provide estimated capital and operational costs (\$/MWh) for storage hydro, pumped hydro, batteries, and other energy storage systems.

4. Cost-benefit Analysis

- Estimate the cost benefit (direct & indirect) ratio of various projects and combinations of potential projects. Transmission projects may have direct b/c less than 1.0 which is acceptable as they may have benefits that are hard to quantify. Indirect benefits of all projects need to be stated.

- Since the b/c of many projects depend on other projects being complete then projects can be “grouped” to estimate b/c.
- Funding in the future is expected to be limited. Criteria for prioritization will be developed and transmission project priority list(s) will be stated for various criteria(s).
- Identifying the energy-storage benefits of new and existing hydroelectric generation in the context of the increased wind generation integration potential that could be added to the Railbelt with multi-day energy storage and robust (i.e. much higher than existing) transmission transfer limits.
- Identifying the potential systems, cost, and benefits of new large energy storage systems that can store 1,000 MWh or more.
- Identify the value (not cost) of storage hydro, battery, or other energy storage technology for “Peaking” vs “baseload” on a \$/MWh basis (short, medium, and long periods).
- Fall 2023 Draft Alaska Center for Energy and Power study In-Progress.

Organizational Structure

Railbelt organization structure has substantially changed during the last decade. Reduction in number of utilities and greater cooperative planning is occurring. A new organization, the Railbelt Reliability Council, will be providing oversight of utility generation and transmission plans.

Provide recommendations for future Railbelt structure and planning to lower costs or slow rate of cost increase of energy.

Additional

Additional studies on transmission project priority, cost, regulation, and resilience are expected as AEA and utilities determine transmission and generation projects to meet goals. Work could be statewide. Scope and cost of additional studies will be by Notice to Proceed. The Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) shall be consulted along with the utilities in the writing of the Strategic Plan to ensure consistency with work they are doing for the utilities.

References:

- Alaska Energy Authority Railbelt Transmission Plan, 2017, Electric Power Systems.
- Roadbelt Intertie Reconnaissance Engineering Report, 2020, Denali Commission
- Railbelt has a PSSE model that contractor can work with utilities to use

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms *covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transactions with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction,” without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

CERTIFICATION

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Organization Name PR/Award or Project Name

Name and Title

Signature Date

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Agreement No:

Project Title:

To this Agreement between **ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY**

hereafter the CONTRACTING AGENCY, and

hereafter the CONTRACTOR, effective on the last date executed by its parties, in consideration of the terms, conditions and promises of Articles 1 through 7 in this document, the parties hereby agree.

CONTRACTOR

Signature: _____
Name: XXXXXX Date _____
Title: _____

Signature: _____
Name: _____ Date _____
Title: _____

CONTRACTING AGENCY

Contract Manager

Executive Director

Signature: _____
Name: _____ Date _____
Title: Contracting Officer

Signature: _____
Name: Curtis Thayer Date _____
Title: AEA Executive Director

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

1.1 The Contractor shall provide

ARTICLE 2 - COMPENSATION

2.1 The maximum amount payable under this Agreement as set out in Appendix C, shall not exceed:
and no/100 Dollars

(\$0.00)

ARTICLE 3 - PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

3.1 CONTRACTOR shall commence services under this Agreement as authorized by written *Notice(s) to Proceed* and shall complete the services in accordance with any time schedule required by Appendices. This Agreement is of no force or effect until executed by the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTING AGENCY and no services shall be undertaken or performed until a Notice to Proceed is issued.

3.2 The Period of Performance under this Agreement shall end on _____.

ARTICLE 4 - APPENDICES

4.1 The following Appendices are attached to this document and incorporated herein:

<u>Appendix</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Prepared</u>	<u>No. Pages</u>
A	General Conditions,		
B	Statement of Services		
C	Compensation, Form 25A280, plus Exhibits: C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4		
D	Indemnification & Insurance, Form 25A269, plus Certificates of Insurance (for the prime CONTRACTOR)		
E	Certification of Compliance (Alaska Licenses/Registrations and Insurance)		

ARTICLE 5 - CONTRACTING AGENCY DATA

Office Address

Street: 813 West Northern Lights Blvd.
 PO Box:
 City, State, Zip: Anchorage, AK 99503
 Phone-Voice: 907-771-3036
 Phone-FAX: 907-771-3044

Funding Source:

ARTICLE 6 - CONTRACTOR DATA

Manager:
Title:

Alaska Business License No.:
Federal Tax Identification No.:

Office Address

Street:
 PO Box:
 City, State, Zip:
 Phone-Voice:
 Phone-FAX:
 Email:

Type of Firm

- Individual Partnership
 Corporation in state of:
 Other (specify): Limited Liability Corporation

ARTICLE 7 - SUBCONTRACTORS

7.1 CONTRACTOR shall perform all professional services required under this Agreement except as may be performed by the Subcontractors listed below or as may be allowed under Appendix A, Article A19.

Service or Engineering Discipline

Subcontractor

AEA GENERAL CONDITIONS

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ARTICLE A1 DEFINITIONS

A1.1 Additional or Extra Services - Services, work products or actions required of the CONTRACTOR above and beyond provisions of the Agreement.

A1.2 Agreement – This Professional Services Agreement and its appendices that outline the terms and conditions regarding Contractor's services during the authorized period of performance.

A1.3 Amendment - A written change to this Agreement.

A1.4 Change - A revision in services, complexity, character, or duration of the services or provisions of this Agreement.

A1.5 Executive Director – Executive Director of the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA).

A1.6 CONTRACTING AGENCY – Alaska Energy Authority (AEA).

A1.7 Procurement Officer - The individual or a duly appointed successor designated as the official representative to administer contracts for the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

A1.8 CONTRACTOR - The firm (person or any business combination) providing services.

A1.9 Contractor's Manager - The CONTRACTOR's representative in responsible charge of the project(s) and directly answerable for the required services.

A1.10 Project Manager – CONTRACTING AGENCY's representative and the CONTRACTOR's primary point of contract with the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

A1.11 Funding Agency - An agency of a Federal, State, Political subdivision, or Local Government which furnishes funds for the CONTRACTOR's compensation under this Agreement and which may have established regulations and requirements binding upon the CONTRACTING AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR.

A1.12 Notice to Proceed (NTP) - Written authorization from the CONTRACTING AGENCY to the CONTRACTOR to provide all or specified services in accordance with an existing Agreement.

A1.13 Statement of Services - Services and work products required of the CONTRACTOR by this Agreement.

A1.14 Subcontractor - CONTRACTOR engaged to provide a portion of the services by subcontract with the firm which is a party to this Agreement.

ARTICLE A2 INFORMATION AND SERVICES FROM OTHERS

A2.1 The CONTRACTING AGENCY may, at its election or in response to a request from the CONTRACTOR, furnish information or services from other contractors. If, in the CONTRACTOR's opinion, such information or services is inadequate, the CONTRACTOR must notify the CONTRACTING AGENCY of the specific service or material deemed inadequate and the extent of the inadequacy prior to use in the performance of this Agreement. The CONTRACTING AGENCY will then evaluate and resolve the matter in writing. Unless so notified by the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTING AGENCY may assume the information or services provided are adequate.

ARTICLE A3 HOLD HARMLESS

A3.1 See Appendix D, "Indemnification and Insurance".

ARTICLE A4 INSURANCE

A4.1 See Appendix D, "Indemnification and Insurance".

ARTICLE A5 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

A5.1 The CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractors shall observe and comply with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health act of 1970 and with all safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor under authority thereof and with all State of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Laws and regulations.

ARTICLE A6 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A6.1 The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the following applicable laws and directives and regulations of the CONTRACTING AGENCY which effectuate them; all of which are incorporated herein by reference:

Title VI of Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;

Federal Executive Order 11625 (Equal Employment Opportunity);

Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60 (Equal Employment Opportunity);

Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21 (Discrimination);

Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26 (Minority Business Enterprises);

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circular 102, Attachment O (Procurement Standards);

Alaska Statute (AS) 18.80.200-300 (Discrimination).

A6.2 The CONTRACTOR may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical disability, sex, or marital status, change in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood when the reasonable demands of the position do not require distinction on such basis. The CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical disability, sex, or marital status. This action must include, but need not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The CONTRACTOR shall post in conspicuous places, available employees and applicants for employment, notices setting out the provisions of this paragraph.

A6.3 The CONTRACTOR shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees to work in performance of this Agreement, that it is an equal opportunity employer and that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical disability, sex, or marital status.

A6.4 The CONTRACTOR shall send to each labor union or representative or workers with which the CONTRACTOR has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding a notice advising the labor union or workers' representative of the CONTRACTOR's commitments under this article and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to all employees and applicants for employment.

A6.5 In the event the CONTRACTOR subcontracts any part of the services to be performed under this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR agrees to make good faith efforts to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, to affirmatively solicit their interest, capability and prices and to furnish documentation of the results of all such direct contacts on forms provided by or acceptable to the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

A6.6 The CONTRACTOR shall make, keep and preserve such records necessary to determine compliance with equal employment opportunity obligations and shall furnish required information and reports. All records must be retained and made available in accordance with Article A9, Audits and Records.

A6.7 The CONTRACTOR shall include the provisions of this article in every contract, and shall require the inclusion of these provisions in every contract entered into by any of its Subcontractors, so that these provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor.

ARTICLE A7 PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTOR

A7.1 Payments shall be based on approved CONTRACTOR's invoices submitted in accordance with this article and the provisions of Appendix C. The sum of payments shall not exceed allowable compensation stated in Notice(s) to Proceed and no payments shall be made in excess of the maximum allowable total for this Agreement.

A7.2 The CONTRACTING AGENCY will exert every effort to obtain required Funding Agency approvals and to issue authorizations in a timely manner. CONTRACTOR shall not perform any services without a Notice to Proceed. Accordingly, the CONTRACTING AGENCY will not pay the CONTRACTOR for services or associated reimbursable costs performed outside those which are authorized by a Notice to Proceed.

A7.3 CONTRACTOR's invoices shall be submitted when services are completed or monthly, for months during which services are performed, as applicable, in a format provided by or acceptable to the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

A7.4 In the event items on an invoice are disputed, payment on those items will be held until the dispute is resolved. Undisputed items will not be held with the disputed items.

A7.5 The CONTRACTOR shall submit a final invoice and required documentation within 90 days after final acceptance of services by the CONTRACTING AGENCY. The CONTRACTING AGENCY will not be held liable for payment of invoices submitted after this time unless prior written approval has been given by the Procurement Officer. Total payment of all Subcontractors and satisfactory compliance with Article A22, Taxes, are conditions precedent to final payment.

ARTICLE A8 CHANGES

A8.1 Changes (including "Supplemental Agreements") in the period of performance, general conditions, statement of services, or other provisions established by this Agreement may be made by written Amendment only. If such changes cause an increase or a decrease in the CONTRACTOR's cost, an equitable adjustment shall be made and specified in the Amendment. The CONTRACTOR shall not perform any additional or extra services prior to receiving a fully executed copy of an Amendment and a Notice to Proceed, except as the CONTRACTOR may be directed under the provisions of Article A20, Claims and Disputes.

A8.2 If at any time the CONTRACTING AGENCY through its authorized representatives, either verbally or in writing, requests or issues instructions for Additional or Extra Services or otherwise directs actions which conflict with any provision of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall, within 30 days of receipt and prior to pursuing such instructions, so notify the CONTRACTING AGENCY in writing, and to the extent possible, describe the services and estimated cost of any Additional or Extra Services. The CONTRACTING AGENCY will then evaluate and, if appropriate, negotiate an Amendment. Unless so notified by the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTING AGENCY will conclude such instructions have not changed any provisions of this Agreement nor require additional compensation. No additional payments shall be made to the CONTRACTOR without such notice.

ARTICLE A9 AUDITS AND RECORDS

A9.1 The CONTRACTOR shall maintain records of performances, communications, documents, correspondence and costs pertinent to this Agreement and the Funding or CONTRACTING AGENCY's authorized representatives shall have the right to examine such records and accounting procedures and practices.

A9.2 The Funding or CONTRACTING AGENCY's authorized representatives shall have the right to examine all books, records, documents and other data of the CONTRACTOR related to the negotiation, pricing and performance of this Agreement and any modification or change for the purpose of evaluating the accuracy, completeness and currency of the data submitted. The right of examination shall extend to all documents necessary to permit adequate evaluation of the data, computations and projections used.

A9.3 The materials described in this article shall be made available at a business office of the CONTRACTOR at all reasonable times for inspection, audit or reproduction, for a minimum of 3 years from the date of any resulting final settlement.

A9.3.1 If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, records relating to the services terminated shall be made available for a minimum of 3 years from the date of any termination or resulting final settlement, whichever is later.

A9.3.2 Records which relate to appeals under Article A20, Claims and Disputes, or litigation or the settlement of Claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement shall be made available until such appeals, litigation or Claims have been concluded.*

ARTICLE A10 CONTRACTING AGENCY INSPECTIONS

A10.1 The CONTRACTING AGENCY has the right to inspect, in the manner and at reasonable times it considers appropriate during the period of this Agreement, all facilities and activities of the CONTRACTOR as may be engaged in the performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE A11 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

A11.1 This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 10 days written notice if the other party fails substantially to perform in accordance with its terms through no fault of the party initiating the termination (default termination). If the CONTRACTING AGENCY terminates this Agreement, the CONTRACTING AGENCY will pay the CONTRACTOR a sum equal to the percentage of work completed that can be substantiated in whole or in part either by the CONTRACTOR to the satisfaction of the CONTRACTING AGENCY or by the CONTRACTING AGENCY. If the CONTRACTING AGENCY becomes aware of any non-conformance with this Agreement by the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTING AGENCY will give prompt written notice thereof to the CONTRACTOR. Should the CONTRACTOR's services remain in non-conformance, the percentage of total compensation attributable to the nonconforming work may be withheld.

A11.2 The CONTRACTING AGENCY may at any time terminate (convenience termination) or suspend this Agreement for its needs or convenience. In the event of a convenience termination, or suspension for more than 3 months, the CONTRACTOR will be compensated for authorized services and authorized expenditures performed to the date of receipt of written notice of termination or suspension plus reasonable expenses. No fee or other compensation for the uncompleted portion of the services will be paid except for already incurred indirect costs which the CONTRACTOR can establish and which would have been compensated for over the life of this Agreement, but because of the termination or suspension would have to be absorbed by the CONTRACTOR without further compensation.

A11.3 If federal funds support this Agreement, settlement for default or convenience termination must be approved by the Funding Agency.

A11.4 In the event of termination or suspension, the CONTRACTOR shall deliver all work products, reports, estimates, schedules and other documents and data prepared pursuant to this Agreement to the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

**ARTICLE A12
OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT**

A12.1 No member of or delegate to Congress, United States Commissioner or other officials of the Federal, State, Political subdivision or Local Government shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or any benefit to arise therefrom.

**ARTICLE A13
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

A13.1 The CONTRACTOR and its agents and employees shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or agents of the CONTRACTING AGENCY in the performance of this Agreement except that the CONTRACTOR may function as the CONTRACTING AGENCY's agent as may be specifically set forth in this Agreement.

A13.2 Any and all employees of the CONTRACTOR, while engaged in the performance of any work or services required by the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, shall be considered employees of the CONTRACTOR only and not of the CONTRACTING AGENCY and any and all Claims that may or might arise under the Worker's Compensation Act on behalf of said employees, while so engaged and any and all Claims made by a third party as a consequence of any negligent act or omission on the part of the CONTRACTOR's employees, while so engaged on any of the services to be rendered herein, shall be the sole obligation and responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

A13.3 This Agreement will be declared null and void should the CONTRACTING AGENCY determine that by Internal Revenue Service definitions the CONTRACTOR is an employee of the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

**ARTICLE A14
PROSELYTIZING**

A14.1 The CONTRACTOR agrees that it will not engage on a full or part time basis, during the period of this Agreement, any person or persons who are or have been employed by the CONTRACTING AGENCY during the period of this Agreement or during the 90 days immediately preceding the date of this Agreement except those who have been regularly retired or approved in writing by the CONTRACTING AGENCY.

**ARTICLE A15
COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

A15.1 The CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 USC 874) as supplemented in Federal Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR, part 3), which are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

A15.2 The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any organization or person, other than a bona fide employee, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any organization or person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the CONTRACTING AGENCY has the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the allowable compensation the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

A15.3 The CONTRACTING AGENCY warrants that the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR's representative has not been required, directly or indirectly as an express or implied condition in obtaining or carrying out this Agreement, to employ or retain, or agree to employ or retain, any organization or person or to make a contribution, donation or consideration of any kind.

**ARTICLE A16
PRECEDENCE OF DOCUMENTS**

A16.1 Components of this Agreement shall stand and prevail in the following order: Agreement over General Conditions; General Conditions over Statement of Services; Statement of Services over Basis of Compensation; Basis of Compensation over any appendices beyond Appendix C.

A16.2 If a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) and/or a proposal are appended to this Agreement, the components described in paragraph A16.1 shall stand and prevail over the proposal and the proposal over the RFP.

**ARTICLE A17
ENDORSEMENT ON DOCUMENTS**

A17.1 Endorsements and professional seals, if applicable, must be included on all final drawings, specifications, cost estimates and reports prepared by the CONTRACTOR. Preliminary copies of such documents submitted for review must have seals affixed without endorsement (signature).

**ARTICLE A18
OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCTS**

A18.1 Work products produced under this Agreement, except items which have pre-existing copyrights, are the property of the CONTRACTING AGENCY. Payments to the CONTRACTOR for services hereunder include full compensation for all work products produced by the CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractors and the CONTRACTING AGENCY shall have royalty free non-exclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, such work products.

A18.2 Should the CONTRACTING AGENCY elect to reuse work products provided under this Agreement for other than the original project and/or purpose, the CONTRACTING AGENCY will indemnify the CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractors against any responsibilities or liabilities arising from such reuse. Additionally, any reuse of design drawings or specifications provided under this Agreement must be limited to conceptual or preliminary use for adaptation and the original CONTRACTOR's or Subcontractor's signature, professional seals and dates removed. Such reuse of drawings and specifications, which require professional seals and dates removed, will be signed, sealed and dated by the professional who is in direct supervisory control and responsible for all adaptation.

**ARTICLE A19
SUBCONTRACTORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

A19.1 The CONTRACTING AGENCY must concur in the selection of any person or firm that may be engaged in performance of this Agreement to provide negotiable professional or technical services, products, etc., (vs. commodity items available to the general public in stores at market prices).

A19.2 If this Agreement includes named firms or individuals, then such firms or individuals shall be employed for the designated services, unless the Agreement is changed by Amendments.

A19.3 The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sublet or transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Procurement Officer.

A19.4 The CONTRACTOR binds itself, its partners, its Subcontractors, assignees and legal representatives to this Agreement and to the successors, assignees and legal representatives of the CONTRACTING AGENCY with respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

A19.5 The CONTRACTOR shall include provisions appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Appendix A in all subcontracts executed to perform services under this Agreement which may exceed a cost of \$25,000.

**ARTICLE A20
CLAIMS AND DISPUTES**

A20.1 If the CONTRACTOR becomes aware of any act or occurrence which may form the basis of a Claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional compensation or an extension of time for performance, or if any dispute arises regarding a question of fact or interpretation of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately inform the Procurement Officer. If the matter cannot be resolved within 7 days, the CONTRACTOR shall, within the next 14 days, submit an "Intent to Claim" in writing to the Procurement Officer.

A20.1.1 If the CONTRACTOR believes additional compensation is warranted, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately begin to keep and maintain complete, accurate and specific daily records concerning every detail of the potential Claim including actual costs incurred. The CONTRACTOR shall give the CONTRACTING AGENCY access to any such record and, when so requested, shall forthwith furnish the CONTRACTING AGENCY copies thereof.

A20.1.2 The Claim, if not resolved, shall be presented to the Procurement Officer, in writing, within 60 days following receipt of the "Intent to Claim". Receipt of the Claim will be acknowledged in writing by the Procurement Officer.

A20.1.3 The CONTRACTOR agrees that unless these written notices are provided, the CONTRACTOR will have no entitlement to additional time or compensation for such act, event or condition. The CONTRACTOR shall in any case continue diligent performance under this Agreement.

A20.2 The Claim shall specifically include the following:

A20.2.1 The act, event or condition giving rise to the Claim.

A20.2.2 The provisions of the Agreement which apply to the Claim and under which relief is provided.

A20.2.3 The item or items of project work affected and how they are affected.

A20.2.4 The specific relief requested, including Contract Time if applicable, and the basis upon which it was calculated.

A20.3 The Claim, in order to be valid, must not only show that the CONTRACTOR suffered damages or delay but that those conditions were actually a result of the act, event or condition complained of and that the Agreement provides entitlement to relief to the CONTRACTOR for such act, event, or condition.

A20.3.1 The Procurement Officer reserves the right to make written requests to the CONTRACTOR at any time for additional information which the CONTRACTOR may possess relative to the Claim. The CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the Procurement Officer such additional information within 30 days of receipt of such a request. Failure to furnish such additional information may be regarded as a waiver of the Claim.

A20.3.2 If the Claim is not resolved by Agreement within 90 days of its receipt, the Procurement Officer will issue a written decision to the CONTRACTOR.

A20.3.3 The CONTRACTOR shall certify that the Claim is made in good faith, that the supporting cost and pricing data are accurate and complete to the best of the CONTRACTOR's knowledge and belief, and that the amount requested accurately reflects the adjustment to the Agreement for which the CONTRACTOR believes the CONTRACTING AGENCY is liable.

A20.4 The CONTRACTOR will be furnished a written signed copy of the Procurement Officer's decision within 90 days, unless additional information is requested by the Procurement Officer. The Procurement Officer's decision is final unless, within 14 days of receipt of the decision, the CONTRACTOR delivers a written Notice of Appeal to the Executive Director.

A20.5 Procedures for appeals and hearings are covered under 3 AAC 109.570.

ARTICLE A21 EXTENT OF AGREEMENT

A21.1 This Agreement including appendices represents the entire and integrated Agreement between the CONTRACTING AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or Agreements, written or oral.

A21.2 Nothing contained herein may be deemed to create any contractual relationship between the CONTRACTING AGENCY and any Subcontractors or material suppliers; nor may anything contained herein be deemed to give any third party Claim or right of action against the CONTRACTING AGENCY or the CONTRACTOR which does not otherwise exist without this Agreement.

A21.3 This Agreement may be changed only by written Amendment executed by both the CONTRACTING AGENCY and the CONTRACTOR.

A21.4 All communications that affect this Agreement must be made or confirmed in writing and must be sent to the addresses designated in this Agreement.

A21.5 The CONTRACTOR on receiving final payment will execute a release, if required, in full of all Claims against the CONTRACTING AGENCY arising out of or by reason of the services and work products furnished and under this Agreement.

ARTICLE A22 TAXES

A22.1 As a condition of performance of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall pay all Federal, State and Local taxes incurred by the CONTRACTOR and shall require their payment by any Subcontractor or any other persons in the performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE A23 GOVERNING LAW

A23.1 This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska and Federal and Local Laws and Ordinances applicable to the work performed. The CONTRACTOR shall be cognizant and shall at all times observe and comply with

such laws which in any manner affect those engaged or employed in the performance, or which in any way affects the manner of performance, of this Agreement.

ARTICLE A24
FEDERAL AID CERTIFICATION (HIGHWAYS)
(For Agreements exceeding \$100,000)

A24.1 The CONTRACTOR certifies, by executing this Agreement, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

A24.1.1 No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employees of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative Agreement, and at the extension, continuation, renewal, Amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Agreement.

A24.1.2 If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any Federal agency, a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative Agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, in accordance with its instructions. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

A24.2 This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code.

A24.3 The CONTRACTOR also agrees by executing this Agreement that the CONTRACTOR shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

ARTICLE A25
TRADE RESTRICTIONS

The contractor or subcontractor, by submission of an offer and/or execution of a contract, certifies that it:

- a. is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);
- b. Has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country on said list, or is owned or controlled directly or indirectly by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on said list;
- c. Has not procured any product nor subcontracted for the supply of any product for use on the project that is produced in a foreign country on said list.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to a contractor or subcontractor who is unable to certify to the above. If the contractor knowingly procures or subcontracts for the supply of any product or service of a foreign country on said list for use on the project, the Federal Aviation Administration may direct through the Sponsor cancellation of the contract at no cost to the Government.

Further, the contractor agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in each contract and in all lower tier subcontracts. The contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor unless it has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

The contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the sponsor if the contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted by reason of changed circumstances.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making the award. If it is later determined that the contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration may direct through the Sponsor cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Government.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally posed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

**ARTICLE A26
SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

The bidder/offeror certifies, by submission of this proposal or acceptance of this contract, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency. It further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, proposals, contracts, and subcontracts. Where the bidder/offeror/contractor or any lower tier participant is unable to certify to this statement, it shall attach an explanation to this solicitation/ proposal.

**ARTICLE A27
ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

A27.1 DELAY DAMAGES:

Unless CONTRACTOR notifies the Authority in writing or email no less than FIVE (5) calendar days in advance of a deliverable deadline that the deliverable may be delayed, delay damages may be incurred by the CONTRACTOR for each calendar day that the CONTRACTOR does not meet the deliverable deadlines in the current approved project schedule. The project schedule may be modified at any time as agreed upon in writing or email by the CONTRACTOR and the Project Manager. In no case shall the agreed upon schedule end date exceed the end date of the current Notice to Proceed (NTP) without first amending the NTP.

Delay Damages

Days Late	Delay Damages per Day
1 to 7 days	\$200.00
8 to 14 days	\$300.00
15 to 21 days	\$400.00
21 days plus	\$500.00

*NTE Not to Exceed \$10,000.00

These are delay damages and not penalties. These charges shall reimburse the Authority for additional expenses incurred due to CONTRACTOR'S failure to complete the work within the time specified. Allowing the CONTRACTOR to continue and finish the work or any part of it after the scheduled date has passed does not waive the Authority's rights to collect delay damages. Delay damages collection shall be in the form of payment withheld from the associated NTP. If no money is due the CONTRACTOR, the Authority may recover these sums from the CONTRACTOR, from the Surety, or from both. The NTP scope of work, schedule, and budget shall not be changed as the result of the collection of delay damages by the Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, CONTRACTOR shall incur no delay damages if the delay is caused to any extent by the Authority or by events or parties outside of CONTRACTOR'S reasonable control.

A27.2 **EXTENSION DUE TO DELAYS:**

The right of the CONTRACTOR to proceed shall not be terminated nor the CONTRACTOR charged with delay damages or actual damages because of delays to the schedule or completion of the Work due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the CONTRACTOR, including, but not restricted to the following: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the AUTHORITY in its contractual capacity, acts of another contractor in the performance of a contract with the AUTHORITY, floods, fires, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, unusually severe weather, acts or restraints of governmental authorities affecting the project or directly or indirectly prohibiting or restricting the furnishing or use of materials or labor required; inability to secure labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities, and delays of Subcontractors (not a responsible charge of the CONTRACTOR). Any delay other than one of the specifically mentioned occurrences above, does not of itself justify a time extension, provided that the CONTRACTOR shall within twenty four (24) hours from the beginning of any such delay (unless the Contracting Officer shall grant a further period of the time prior to the date of final settlement of the Contract), notify the Project Manager in writing of the cause of delay. The Contracting Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay and extend the time for completing the Work when the findings of fact justify such an extension.

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COMPENSATION

APPENDIX C

Project No: 20075

Date Prepared: 6/11/2020

C1. Payments will be made on approved invoices submitted for months during which costs are incurred. Except for Fixed Price(s) and Fixed Fees, compensation shall be cost-based on actual costs to the Contractor for providing services. Provisions for Audit are contained in Appendix A.

C2. EXCEPT WHEN PAYMENT IS BY FIXED PRICE, PRIME CONTRACTOR'S LABOR AND ASSOCIATED INDIRECT COST SHALL BE INVOICED TO THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WITHIN 45 DAYS OF PERFORMANCE. SUBCONTRACTORS' LABOR AND ASSOCIATED INDIRECT COST SHALL BE INVOICED TO THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF PERFORMANCE. ALL OF THE CONTRACTOR'S AND SUBCONTRACTORS' OTHER DIRECT COSTS (EXPENSES) SHALL BE INVOICED TO THE CONTRACTING AGENCY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF BEING INCURRED. **CHARGES SUBMITTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED TIMES WILL, AT THE CONTRACTING AGENCY'S DISCRETION, NOT BE PAID.**

C3. Price proposals and Notices-to-Proceed (NTPs) for this Agreement must conform to the Labor Rates, Indirect Cost Rate(s), Unit Prices, Fee/Profit Arrangements, Estimated Costs, and Price Caps contained in the Exhibits attached to this Appendix C.

C4. Payments are limited to the amount(s) cited in each Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) issued for this Agreement. The Contractor expressly has no right to any payment in excess of each NTP amount.

C5. Final payment to the Contractor may be withheld until a Release from Agreement, on a form prescribed by the Contracting Agency, is executed by the Contractor.

C6. Payments for this Agreement and any Amendment, including Costs and Fee, will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Contracting Agency finds that payments are increased because the cost or pricing data furnished by the Contractor or prospective Contractor is inaccurate, incomplete, or not current on the date of the Agreement or subsequent submittal date of pricing data.

C7. The following terminology and explanations are applicable to this Agreement; any inconsistencies appearing in this Agreement must be resolved in accordance with the terminology in paragraphs C7.1-C7.6 and C8.

C7.1 Direct Costs of Direct Labor - Base salary and/or wages paid to employees charged directly to this Agreement exclusive of Fringe Benefits or other Indirect Costs and Fees (including profit).

C7.2 Other Direct Costs ("Expenses") - **PRE-APPROVED** unit priced items, actual costs for specific subcontracts identified in this Agreement, and actual costs for the following:

Transportation (economy rate/air-coach);
Food and lodging (Generally, not to exceed agency per diem rates);
Incidental travel expenses; and
- If not recovered in the Indirect Cost Rate - the following:
Equipment & computer use at **PRE-APPROVED** rates;
Specific materials and supplies; and
Other **PRE-APPROVED** direct expenses.

Each Expense is limited to reasonable costs which do not exceed that which would be incurred by an ordinarily prudent person in the conduct of competent business.

C7.3 Indirect Costs - Allowable expenses that, because of their incurrence for common or joint cost objectives, must be allocated to this Agreement using a specified Indirect Cost Rate. A cost objective is a function, organizational subdivision, contract, project or work unit for which cost data is accumulated under the Contractor's accounting system. Generally, the Contracting Agency requires Indirect Costs to be segregated into the following categories: Fringe Benefits, Overhead (General & Administrative Expenses - including Indirect Labor), and Allocated Home Office Overhead (if applicable).

C7.3.1 Fringe Benefits - Costs for items such as:

Vacation time, holidays and authorized leave;
Group and Worker's Compensation Insurance;
Deferred Compensation/Retirement plans;
Social Security and Unemployment Taxes; and
Group Medical plan and Life Insurance Premiums.

C7.3.2 Overhead - Costs for items such as the following, if they are not included in Direct Costs:

Indirect Labor (Supervisory, Administrative, etc., base salary or wages)
Recruiting expenses, travel, food and lodging;
Rent, heat, power, light and janitorial services;
Office supplies, reproduction costs, communications;
Upkeep and depreciation of equipment and computers;
Rentals of equipment and computers; and,
Business Insurance premiums not billed to clients;

C7.3.3 Allocated Home Office Overhead (if applicable) - Costs for management, supervisory, and administrative functions which benefit separate unit operations.

C7.3.4 Indirect Cost Rate – An established percentage of incurred expenses for Direct Costs of Direct Labor which is used as a basis of compensation for Indirect Costs. Fees or Profit are not included in the Indirect Cost Rate.

C7.4.1 If this Agreement wholly or partially allocates Indirect Costs on other than a Direct Labor dollar basis, a description of the Indirect Cost pools or service centers used, and the Indirect Cost Rates(s) and base(s), shall be attached in an Exhibit to this Appendix C; otherwise, such an allocation shall not be allowed for this contract.

C7.4.2 Indirect Cost Rates may be fixed or provisional and will be established for the duration of the Agreement, fiscal year, or other time period.

C7.4.3 Provisional Indirect Cost Rates or "Fixed/Provisional" Rates require a Contracting Agency approved audit of accounting records after each of the Contractor's or Subcontractor's fiscal years during which they perform work under the Agreement.

C7.5 Non-allowable Costs - Payments for the following items and certain other costs defined in 48 CFR Part 31 and related regulations are not allowable. Such costs shall not be included as billable Direct or Indirect Costs or in the calculation of the Indirect Cost Rate.

Interest and other financial costs
Contributions and donations
Federal income taxes & tax return preparation fees

Deferred state income taxes
Bad debts
Fines and penalties
Entertainment, social club memberships, etc.
Goodwill
Provisions for contingencies
Losses on other contracts and related legal fees
Legal fees, etc., related to contract claims

C7.6 Fee - Profit plus any costs not allocable to this contract. The amount of Fee may be fixed or variable, depending on the method of payment used. Non allocable costs shall not be considered by the Contracting Agency when negotiating Fee.

C8. Markup of any costs as compensation for administration, management or handling, etc., is prohibited. Costs of such efforts are included within the elements of Direct Labor and/or Indirect Labor. Compensation for any risk associated with incurring costs is included within Fee (Profit).

C9. The following Exhibits complete this Appendix C (Components of Appendix C - Compensation, shall stand and prevail in the following order: Exhibit C-1, Exhibit C-2, et al, in the order of their number):

Exhibit C-1 Method(s) of Payment
Exhibit C-2 NTP & Invoice Summary
Exhibit C-3 & 4 Compensation Cost Reimbursement

COMPENSATION

APPENDIX C EXHIBIT C-1, METHOD(S) OF PAYMENT

Agreement No:
Date Prepared:

1. Payments will be made in accordance with Article A7 (Basic Agreement), Articles C1 - C9 (Appendix C), the following, and the applicable discussions of Methods of Payment presented below.

<u>CONTRACTOR & SUBCONTRACTORS</u>	<u>SUBCONTRACTOR TO: (FIRM)</u>	<u>METHOD OF PAYMENT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED PRICE</u>
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Total Agreement Amount: _____

Note: If a Method of Payment is "Fixed Price", then the amount listed under "Estimated Price" is the Fixed Price.

2. **FIXED PRICE(S)** payments will be a single lump sum payment equal to the Fixed Price upon acceptable completion of this Agreement, or progress payments not to exceed the Fixed Price.

3. **FIXED PRICE(S) PLUS EXPENSES** payments will be as follows:

3.1 Payments of the **FIXED PRICE** will be a single lump sum payment equal to the Fixed Price upon acceptable completion of services, or progress payments not to exceed the Fixed Price(s).

3.2 Payments for Other Direct Costs (**EXPENSES**) will be made for actual substantiated costs not to exceed the total specified amount for expenses that are directly chargeable to and necessary for performance of the services assuming they are not recovered through the Indirect Cost Rate.

4. **COST PLUS FIXED FEE** payments will be made according to the following:

4.1 Payments for **DIRECT COST OF DIRECT LABOR** will be equivalent to the number of hours expended by each job classification multiplied by the applicable Direct Labor Rate. Job Classifications, Labor Hours and Direct Hourly Rates are estimated for this contract. Work shall be performed by the lowest paid qualified personnel. Further, when performing work for which they are over qualified, individuals will charge time at rates equivalent to skill levels commensurate with the work they perform. Contract payments will be based on the actual Direct Labor Rates paid to employees in any direct labor job classification who work on the contract, except that no Direct Hourly Rate shall exceed \$ **PER HOUR** except for the following individuals whose rates are capped (fixed) as listed below for the duration of this Agreement:

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>JOB CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PERSON'S NAME</u>	<u>DIRECT RATE (\$/HR)</u>
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4.2 Payments for **INDIRECT COSTS** shall be equivalent to the amounts for Direct Cost of Direct Labor multiplied by the following applicable **INDIRECT COST RATES (IDCR)**:

<u>CONTRACTOR/ SUBCONTRACTOR</u>	<u>IDCR (%)</u>	<u>IDCR TYPE (F, F/P, P)</u>
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4.2.1 IDCR with "F" is Fixed for the duration of this Agreement.

4.2.2 IDCR with "F/P" is Fixed for the last half of the firm's current fiscal year plus not to exceed six months of its next fiscal year, after which the IDCR becomes a Provisional Rate until an audit is completed and a Fixed IDCR is established for each successive twelve month interval.

4.2.3 IDCR with "P" is Provisional until completion of post performance audit to establish actual incurred rate which is used to establish a final IDCR for the period covered by the audit. Post performance audits may be done after each fiscal year of a multi-year contract or once after completion of the contract. Audit findings and other rationale will be used to establish a final IDCR that appropriately allocates Indirect Costs to this Agreement for each fiscal year.

4.2.4 Revisions to any IDCR may be implemented only by a contract Amendment. Further, adjustment of any payments made based on Provisional IDCRs will not be done without a contract Amendment that fully explains the amount of the adjustments.

4.3 Payments for **OTHER DIRECT COSTS** (Expenses) will be made for actual substantiated costs which are directly chargeable to and necessary for performance of services assuming they are not recovered through the Indirect Cost Rate. "Markup" of Other Direct Costs is prohibited (reference paragraph C8).

4.4 If not defined elsewhere in this Appendix C, progress payments for a firm's (Contractor or any Subcontractor) **FIXED FEE** will be equivalent to the ratio of the firm's Direct Cost of Direct Labor to date, divided by the firm's total estimated Direct Cost of Direct Labor, multiplied by the total amount of the firm's Fixed Fee. The Fee amount for each firm participating in this Agreement was determined as follows:

5. **TIME AND EXPENSES** payments will be made according to the following:

5.1 Payments for **TIME** will be equivalent to the number of hours expended by each job classification multiplied by the applicable Billing Rate. Work will be performed by personnel with the lowest reasonable skill levels and hourly rates. Further, when performing work for which they are over qualified, individuals will charge time at rates equivalent to skill levels commensurate with the work they perform.

5.1.1 **BILLING RATES** for persons who work on this contract shall be the sum of the person's actual Direct Labor Rate plus an allowance for Indirect Cost at the then current Agency approved Indirect Cost Rate for the person's employer (firm) plus a fee (profit) of ten percent; e.g.: $\$25 + (1.50 \times \$25) + (.10 \times [\$25 + (1.50 \times \$25)]) = \$68.75$, however, not to exceed \$ **PER HOUR** except for the following individuals whose rates are capped (fixed) as listed below for the duration of this Agreement.

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>JOB CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PERSON'S NAME</u>	<u>BILLING RATE (\$/HR)</u>
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5.1.2 **BILLING RATES** are negotiated hourly labor rates which include compensation for all Costs (Direct Cost of Direct Labor and all Indirect Costs) plus Fee, except for allowable direct Expenses.

5.1.3 **Time & Expenses Overtime** shall be calculated at 1.5 times the base labor rate (DL & IDCR) and then the profit factor added.

5.2 Payments for Other Direct Costs (**EXPENSES**) will be made for actual substantiated costs that are directly chargeable to and necessary for performance of services assuming they are not recovered through the Indirect Cost Rate. "Markup" of Expenses is prohibited (reference paragraph C8).

6. **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**


Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 are optional contingent upon travel being part of the contract. Edit as required.

6.1 Travelers are permitted actual costs, or an allowance, for lodging (as negotiated and detailed below) and an allowance for meal and incidental expenses (M&IE). Refer to AAM 60.250 for policies regarding travel.

6.2 Employees shall be considered in travel status from the time an authorized trip begins until it ends. An authorized trip is a trip approved in accordance with a NTP issued under the contract. The duty station of the employee is the city, town, or village, or within a 50-mile radius thereof, where the employee spends the majority of their working time.

6.3 M& IE allowances shall be limited to the State rate of \$60.00 per day. The duration of the trip must be more than 12 hours in order for the traveler to be eligible for M & IE allowances. Additionally the traveler must be in travel status at least three consecutive hours during a meal period to be entitled to the M&IE for that meal.

6.4 If paying actuals for Lodging, Lodging shall be at the hotel's "government" rate (when applicable) and for single occupancy, not to exceed \$300.00 per day. Lodging receipts are required.

 ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY		NOTICE TO PROCEED & BILLING SUMMARY			NTP No: #REF! Agreement No: #REF! Accounting Ref No.: #REF! Contract Expiration Date: #REF!	
For: #REF! #REF! #REF!		Contractor: #REF! Project Title: #REF! Category of Services: #REF!		NTP Completion Date: #REF! Amount of this NTP/Amend.: #REF! Method of Payment: #REF!		
NOTICE TO PROCEED						
BILLING SUMMARY						
This Invoice is for [] Progress [OR] Final Payment OR				Sequential Invoice # for this []		
GL Account Code	Funding Exp. Date	Authorized Task Groups	Authorized To - Date	Prior Approved Payme	This Billing	Total To - Date
Total Amount Authorized for All			\$0.00			
Sum of Prior APPROVED				0.00		
Sum for THIS INVOICE					0.00	
Sum of Prior Payments and this						0.00
Balance of Authorized						\$0.00
Department of Labor Close-Out Required?				Payment Request & Certification: (Contractor)		
				Signature		Date
Name: #REF!				Name: #REF!		
Approval for Payment						
PAYMENT RECOMMENDED (Agency Project Manager): I certify this invoice to be valid and accurate and that services were performed substantially in conformance with the contract				PAYMENT APPROVED (Authorized Agency Official): Based upon the Project Manager's recommendation and certification, I hereby approve payment.		
Signature				Signature		Date
Name: #REF!				Name:		

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRACTOR for
COST REIMBURSEMENT NOTICE TO
PROCEED (NTP)
& BILLING SUMMARY**

- 1 Retain an unmarked, as issued, copy of this form to be used for reproduction and billing.
- 2 If this NTP is unacceptable, notify the Contracting Agency immediately. If acceptable, acknowledge by signature where indicated on a copy of this NTP and return it within ten days after your receipt.
- 3 Submit monthly Invoices to the Agency Contract Manager named in this NTP. Provide a copy of page one of this form as the FACE PAGE of each invoice submitted and with the following entries accurately completed:
 - a) Indicate if the Invoice is for Progress or Final Payment and show the Sequential Invoice Number for this NTP.
Entries in the following columns: Prior Approved Payments, This Billing, and Total to Date for each Task Group;
 - b) plus the SUM TOTALS for: Authorized To - Date, Prior APPROVED Payments, THIS INVOICE, Prior Payments plus this Invoice, and Balance of Authorized Amount.

Note "Prior APPROVED Payments" amounts may NOT be the same as the total of all your prior invoices if some items were disallowed or adjustments were made. If a prior billing has not been acknowledged with any payment, or a different amount from your billing was paid without notification to you of the reason(s), attach a request for an explanation and remedial action.

- 4 Sign, date and enter printed or typed name under "PAYMENT REQUEST (Contractor)" thereby attesting to the following:

"By signature on this form, the Contractor certifies entries to be true and correct for the services performed to date under or by virtue of said Agreement and in accordance with AS 36.30.400. The Contractor further certifies that all applicable Federal, State and Local taxes incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the services have been paid and that all Subcontractors engaged by the Contractor for the services included in any invoice shall be fully compensated by the Contractor for such services."

5 When Applicable, ATTACH A CURRENT COPY OF EXHIBIT C-4, COST REIMBURSEMENT BILLING DETAIL FORM (from Appendix C of the Agreement) to each invoice. Internally check the form and correct mathematical extensions. The Contracting Agency may return erroneous invoices for correction before processing for payment.

6 Substantiate all charges in each billing, other than for Fixed Prices or Fixed Fees, by attaching a summary of hours expended and hourly labor rate per employee; summary of units completed; subcontractor invoices; expense receipts, etc.; or other proof of expenditures.

7 Prime Contractor's Labor and Indirect Cost shall be billed to the Contracting Agency within 45 days of performance. Subcontractors' Labor and Indirect Cost shall be billed to the Contracting Agency within 60 days of performance. All of the Contractor's and Subcontractors' Other Direct Costs (Expenses) shall be billed to the Contracting Agency within 90 days of being incurred. Charges submitted after the above stated times will, at the Contracting Agency's discretion, not be paid.

8 When each NTP is approximately 75% complete, the Contractor shall determine if the Authorized Amount(s) might be exceeded; and, if so, shall provide an estimate of cost to complete. The Contracting Agency will determine after discussion with the Contractor if additional cost is reasonable and does not include costs that should be absorbed by the Contractor. If additional cost is validated, a negotiated Amendment will be executed which either (1) reduces the scope of services/work products required commensurate with the Authorized Amount(s), or (2) increases the Authorized Amount(s) to that required for completion of the original contract scope.