

**STATE OF ALASKA RFP NUMBER 180000026
AMENDMENT NUMBER 2**

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DATE AMENDMENT ISSUED: November 30, 2017

RFP TITLE: Dry Sonic Drilling Services for TLO at Icy Cape, Alaska

RFP CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 2:00 p.m. on December 7, 2017 (NO CHANGE)

This amendment is for informational purposes only and need not be returned to the State.

The following changes/additions are required:

1. **Question:** Upon review of the RFP, we have the following clarifications: Last year's RFP 170007311 did not include requirement for sonic drilling experience in garnet-epidote containing mineral sands. Why is the current RFP requiring this specific experience? Any sonic drilling of mineral sands (sands/gravels of alluvial formations) would be of similar drilling conditions and experience. This appears to limit the number of contractors to one – the contractor that drilled Icy Cape last year. Is that the intent of the State?

Response: During the 2017 field season at Icy Cape we experienced differences in drilling effectiveness between more common quartz-rich sands versus garnet-epidote-rich mafic sands. The area to be worked in the 2018 field season contains nearshore marine and glacial sands complexly interbedded with gravel components and diamictite, which are harder, more abrasive, and thicker intervals than continental alluvial sediments. The requirement for the garnet-epidote-rich mineral sands is not to limit the number of bidders; any bidder with the required experience can offer a bid. The intent is but to advise potential bidders of the drilling environment to avoid downtime and costs. However, after further discussion we are going to **CHANGE** the wording for the sentence referencing garnet-epidote in **paragraph 3.01.b** and elsewhere within the RFP to read:

Sonic drilling experience in garnet-epidote containing mineral sands is desired; demonstrated experience in drilling glacial and nearshore marine sediments is required.

2. **Change 5.03.b. in the RFP and on the Proposal Evaluation Worksheet to read:**

b. Does the contractor have demonstrated experience in drilling garnet-epidote containing mineral sands OR glacial and nearshore marine sediments?

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