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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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TITLE:

Surveying Services Related to Management of Public and Trust Lands

PURPOSE:

The Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Trust Land Office is soliciting proposals for professional services to surveying firms with expertise in and an understanding of the management of public and trust lands, specifically in the areas of historical research; mapping; conceptual subdivision design and layout; survey platting; field survey and boundary delineation; monumentation; trails mapping; GPS mapping; AutoCAD and GIS; drafting of as-builts, records of survey, and easement location diagrams. Services will be provided on a work order basis over a multi-year period, throughout the northern, southcentral, and southeast regions of Alaska.

Important Notice: If you receive this solicitation from the State's Online Public Notice website or IRIS Vendor Self Service portal, you must register with the DNR Procurement Section to receive subsequent amendments. Registration must be in writing and may be made via email to dnr.ssd.procurement@alaska.gov or fax to 907-269-8909. Failure to register with the DNR Procurement Section may result in rejection of your offer.

ADA: The State of Alaska complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to submit a bid should contact the DNR Procurement Section via email to dnr.ssd.procurement@alaska.gov, fax to 907-269-8909, telephone at 907-269-8666 or 269-8687, or TDD at 907-269-8411 not later than 10 calendar days prior to the bid closing date to make necessary arrangements.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1.01 Purpose of the RFP

The Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Trust Land Office is soliciting proposals for professional services to surveying firms with expertise in and an understanding of the management of public and trust lands, specifically in the areas of historical research; mapping; conceptual subdivision design and layout; survey platting; field survey and boundary delineation; monumentation; trails mapping; GPS mapping; AutoCAD and GIS; drafting of as-builts, records of survey, and easement location diagrams. Services will be provided on a work order basis over a multi-year period, throughout the northern, southcentral, and southeast regions of Alaska. Implementation of land management tasks require expertise in multiple areas of land management and real estate acquisition and management such as parcel development analysis, subdivision design, platting, zoning and rezoning, economic analysis of potential subdivisions, surveying and the preparation of various reports relating to each of these subjects.

Multiple awards may be made via this RFP with a maximum award of two contracts. Contract award may be made to the two highest ranked offerors based on the proposal evaluation committee point ranking. If two contracts are awarded, the highest scoring offeror shall be ranked number one and the second highest scoring offeror shall be ranked number two. The offeror ranked number one will receive work orders from the TLO for review and proposal. If the offeror ranked number one is unable to perform the necessary services, a conflict of interest exists, or the Project Manager does not agree with the terms/conditions/pricing of the proposal from the offeror, the TLO will send a work order to the second ranked offeror for review and proposal.

This RFP is to develop a term contract(s) with a qualified contractor(s). The term contract does not authorize any work but puts a contract in place that allows DNR to issue specific Notices to Proceed (NTPs) under that term contract for completion of more specific work tasks. NTPs and their corresponding specific scopes of work will be issued separate from this RFP. NTPs require completion of specific scopes of work under specific timelines and costs. A more detailed description including the Scope of Work can be found in Section 3 of this RFP.

1.02 Budget

The term contract budget is estimated to be \$375,000 total for all contracts and all years. This budget amount does not represent a work commitment.

Approval or continuation of a contract resulting from this is contingent upon legislative appropriation.

1.03 Deadline for Receipt of Proposals

The deadline for receipt of proposals is March 2, 2020 at 2:00 pm Alaska Time. Proposals received after this date and time shall be disqualified for evaluation for this RFP. Faxed or emailed proposals are acceptable but not encouraged. Oral proposals are not acceptable.

1.04 Prior Experience

For offers to be considered responsive, surveyors assigned to this contract must meet the following minimum prior experience requirements:

- completed 5 projects of similar size and scope;
- at least 2 of the listed projects must have involved remote projects where travel was necessary to evaluate the project site;
- at least 2 of the listed projects must have required locating original primary and/or secondary US Survey monuments (e.g. brass caps, copper welds, hubs, lathe, wood posts, rock claim, stone markers, etc.).

Supporting evidence must be included with the offeror's proposal to show proof of the minimum prior experience requirements noted above including three technical references (contact names and telephone numbers) to validate the offeror's performance history.

An offeror's failure to meet these minimum prior experience requirements will cause their proposal to be considered non-responsive and their proposal will be rejected.

1.05 Required Review

Offerors should carefully review this solicitation for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments concerning defects and objectionable material must be made in writing and received by the procurement officer at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of proposals. This will allow time for the issuance of any necessary amendments. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective solicitation and exposure of offeror's proposals upon which award could not be made. Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the procurement officer, in writing, at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of proposals.

1.06 Questions Prior to Deadline for Receipt of Proposals

All questions must be in writing and directed to the procurement officer. The interested party must confirm telephone conversations in writing. Two types of questions generally arise. One may be answered by directing the questioner to a specific section of the RFP. These questions may be answered over the telephone. Other questions may be more complex and may require a written amendment to the RFP. The procurement officer will make that decision.

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The deadline for submission of questions is February 20, 2020 at 2:00 pm Alaska Time.

1.07 Return Instructions

If using the U.S. mail, a delivery service, or delivering in person offerors must submit four hard copies of their technical proposal and one electronic copy on a "thumb drive", in writing, to the procurement officer in a sealed package. The sealed proposal package(s) must be addressed as follows:

Department of Natural Resources Support Services Division Procurement Section Attention: Procurement Officer Request for Proposal (RFP) Number: 10 200000055 1 RFP Title: Surveying Services Related to Management of Public and Trust Lands 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1330 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

The sealed proposal package(s) must be received within the DNR Procurement Office not later than the Deadline for Receipt of Responses. Late proposals will be considered non-responsive and will not be accepted or opened by the DNR Procurement Office.

<u>If submitting a faxed proposal</u>, it is the offeror's responsibility to contact the DNR Procurement Section at 907-269-8666 to make arrangements prior to faxing the proposal and to confirm that the proposal has been received. The DNR Procurement Section's fax number is 907-269-8909. If submitting a proposal by fax, please send only one copy of the technical proposal. Faxed proposals <u>must be received in their entirety</u> by the DNR Procurement Section not later than the Deadline for Receipt of Responses. Late proposals will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

<u>If submitting a proposal via email</u> the proposal must be saved as a PDF document and emailed to <u>dnr.ssd.procurement@alaska.gov</u>, clearly labeled, such as "Vendor A – 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 by the state 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 send only one copy of the proposal if submitting a proposal via email. It is the offeror's responsibility to contact the issuing agency at 907-269-8666 to confirm that the proposal has been received. The state is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments. Also, DNR Procurement will not accept emailed proposals in a modifiable file format, i.e., MS Word, etc. Emailed proposals <u>must be received in their entirety</u> by the DNR Procurement Section not later than the Deadline for Responses. Late proposals will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

Proposals must be received <u>in their entirety</u> by the DNR Procurement Section not later than the Deadline for Receipt of Responses. If the proposal is not received at or before the deadline, the proposal will be disqualified. Late proposals or amendments will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

1.08 Proposal Contents

The following information must be included in all proposals.

(a) Authorized Signature

All proposals must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the offeror to the provisions of the RFP. Proposals must remain open and valid for at least 90-days from the date set as the deadline for receipt of proposals.

(b) Offeror's Certification

By signature on the proposal, offerors certify that they comply with the following:

[a] the laws of the State of Alaska;

[b] the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;

[c] the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government;

[d] the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government;

[e] all terms and conditions set out in this RFP;

[f] a condition that the proposal submitted was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury;

[g] that the offers will remain open and valid for at least 90 days; and

[h] that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public under the resulting contract conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.

If any offeror fails to comply with [a] through [h] of this paragraph, the state reserves the right to disregard the proposal, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

(c) Vendor Tax ID

A valid Vendor Tax ID must be submitted to the issuing office with the proposal or within five days of the state's request.

(d) Conflict of Interest

Each proposal shall include a statement indicating whether or not the firm or any individuals working on the contract has a possible conflict of interest (e.g., currently employed by the State of Alaska or formerly employed by the State of Alaska within the past two years) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to consider a proposal non-responsive and reject it or cancel the award if any interest disclosed from any source could either give the appearance of a conflict or cause speculation as to the objectivity of the program to be developed by the offeror. The Commissioner's determination regarding any questions of conflict of interest shall be final.

(e) Federal Requirements

The offeror must identify all known federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the evaluation, or the contract.

1.09 Assistance to Offerors with a Disability

Offerors with a disability may receive accommodation regarding the means of communicating this RFP or participating in the procurement process. For more information contact the procurement officer no later than ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

1.10 Amendments to Proposals

Amendments to or withdrawals of proposals will only be allowed if acceptable requests are received not later than the deadline that is set for receipt of proposals. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the deadline unless they are in response to the state's request in accordance with 2 AAC 12.290.

1.11 Amendments to the RFP

If an amendment is issued, it will be provided to all who were provided with a copy of the RFP and to those who have registered with the procurement officer after receiving the RFP from the State of Alaska Online Public Notice or IRIS Vendor Self Service web site.

1.12 RFP Schedule

The RFP schedule set out herein represents the State of Alaska's best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. If a component of this schedule, such as the deadline for receipt of proposals, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted by the same number of days.

The length of the contract will be from the date of award for a one-year period, with four oneyear optional renewals to be exercised at the sole discretion of the State of Alaska.

Unless otherwise provided in this RFP, the State and the successful offeror/contractor agree: (1) that any holding over of the contract excluding any exercised renewal options, will be considered as a month-to-month extension, and all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect, and (2) to provide written notice to the other part of the intent to cancel such month-to-month extension at least 30 days before the desired date of cancellation.

The approximate contract schedule is as follows:

- a. Issue RFP: February 10, 2020
- b. Deadline for Receipt of Proposals: March 2, 2020 at 2:00 pm Alaska Time
- c. Proposal Evaluation Committee complete evaluation by: week of March 16, 2020
- d. State of Alaska issues Notice of Intent to Award a Contract: week of March 23, 2020
- e. State of Alaska issues contract: week of April 6, 2020

This RFP does not, by itself, obligate the state. The state's obligation will commence when the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources or the Commissioner's designee. Upon written notice to the contractor the state may set a different starting date for the contract. The state will not be responsible for any work done by the contractor, even work done in good faith, if it occurs prior to the contract start date set by the state.

1.13 Pre-proposal Conference

The State does not intend to hold a pre-proposal conference at this time. The State reserves the right to schedule a pre-proposal conference if it deems necessary. If one is scheduled, notification will be made to potential offerors known to have a copy of the RFP and posted on the State of Alaska's Online Public Notice System.

1.14 Alternate Proposals

Offerors may only submit one proposal for evaluation.

In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate proposals (proposals that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

1.15 News Releases

News releases related to this RFP will not be made without prior approval of the DNR Project Manager.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.01 Background Information

The Trust Land Office (TLO) of the Department of Natural Resources manages Alaska Mental Health Trust Land (Trust Land) on behalf of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (Trust Authority). The TLO manages approximately one million acres of Trust Land throughout the state in accordance with AS 38.05.801, 11 AAC 99, and the following trust management principles:

- Maximization of long-term revenue from Trust Land;
- Protection of the corpus;
- Protection and enhancement of the long-term productivity of Trust Land;
- Encouragement of a diversity of revenue-producing uses of Trust Land; and
- Management of Trust Land prudently, efficiently, and with accountability to the Trust and its beneficiaries.

Alaska Statute 38.05.801 requires in part that the TLO manage Trust lands under those provisions of law applicable to other state lands unless said laws are inconsistent with trust principles imposed upon the state by the 1956 Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act (Public Law

84-830, 70 Stat. 709). Land and resource management actions applicable to other state lands are generally covered under Alaska Statutes Titles 38-Public Lands and Title 41-Public Resources, and the Alaska Administrative Code Title 11-Natural Resources. The management of Trust land is subject to the police power authority of the state and its political subdivisions to the same extent as private land.

3. SCOPE OF WORK AND CONTRACT INFORMATION

3.01 Scope of Work

The Trust Land Office (TLO) is looking for surveying firms with expertise in and an understanding of

the management of public and Trust lands, specifically in the areas of historical research; mapping; conceptual subdivision design and layout; survey platting; field survey and boundary delineation; monumentation; trails mapping; GPS mapping; AutoCAD and GIS; drafting of asbuilts, records of

survey, and easement location diagrams. Services will be provided on a work order basis over a multi-year period, throughout the northern, southcentral, and southeast regions of Alaska.

The purpose of this solicitation is to contract for professional services related to management of land by the TLO which involves a variety of special projects and general management of Trust land. Implementation of land management tasks require expertise in multiple areas of land management and real estate acquisition and management such as parcel development analysis, subdivision design, platting, zoning and rezoning, economic analysis of potential subdivisions, surveying and the preparation of various reports relating to each of these subjects.

General Tasks and Requirements

Tasks required in this Term Contract may include but may not be limited to the following.

Parcel Development Analysis. Land Status and Title Analysis. Subdivision Concepts and Design. Subdivision Platting. Submittals to Appropriate Review Authorities. Representation at Municipal Hearings/Meetings. Professional Surveying and Related Tasks. As-Builts. Field Survey of Parcel Boundaries and Encroachments. Local Planning/Zoning/Issues Review and Recommendations. Conduct Interviews. Negotiation Assistance. Parcel Location and Posting. Site Visits/Project Inspections. Promulgation of digital files AutoCAD/GIS. A combination of any or all of the above tasks.

Other Requirements

1.Assist the TLO in the formulation of its goals, objectives, and strategies for increasing and/or protecting the value of existing and potential Trust land.

2.Work on behalf of and represent the Trust Land Office exclusively at all times while conducting

Trust business including travel to and from job sites.

3.Relay information to the TLO regarding emerging issues and or opportunities associated with survey tasks.

4.Respond to work order requests in a timely manner.

5.Sub-contract as needed for additional expertise.

6.Produce professional reports and survey plats with minimal errors.

7.Land status research and review of historical surveys.

Scope of Work Orders

One or more of the examples of tasks outlined above may constitute a Work Order request. Descriptions of each task will be provided in each Work Order to define the nature of the work, deliverables, and expertise required. Each work order will vary depending on circumstances. Specific deliverables for each Work Order will be identified at the time the Work Order is issued. The following are examples of various tasks that could be required to complete a Work Order.

1.Parcel Analysis

Review a Trust parcel or parcels for the purpose of recommending specific courses of action that will result in the protection, enhancement and/or development of Trust assets in the area. Recommendations could include, subdivision, plat revision, use restrictions, acquisition or exchange of property, zoning changes, development as a material source, e.g., rock, sand, or aggregate, etc. The consultant may be requested to provide a concise written report that generally identifies Trust land in an area as having near-term, mid-term or long-term revenue generating potential. These recommendations will be parcel-specific and use-specific where possible. The consultant may be requested to develop narrative assessments of business opportunities for Trust assets.

The consultant will determine if any other applicable data/photography is available and necessary for analysis of the subject property and the TLO may approve the purchase at TLO expense. All acquired data and photography will become the property of TLO upon completion of the Work Order.

Example Deliverables:

Summary report and/or maps etc. outlining findings on a per task basis in hard copy and electronic format

format.

Expertise Required:

Land and resource development analysis, management, property review, and excellent communication skills.

2.Parcel Location and Posting

When requested, the consultant will locate and post specific Trust parcels for the purpose of trespass abatement, parcel lease, sale and/or other use as defined in the Work Order.

Example Deliverables:

Listing of posted parcels, digital images of parcel, identification of corners, and summary of findings.

Expertise Required:

Surveying, plat reading, parcel monument location, etc.

3.Parcel Surveying

Example Deliverables:

Records of survey, preliminary and final recorded plats, as-built surveys, field surveys, parcel boundary survey, identification of encroachments, and monument locating. Surveys will meet the TLO Surveying Standards and Requirements (see attached).

Expertise Required:

Surveying, plat reading, parcel monument location, etc.

4.Rezoning, Platting and Managing the Plat Review Process

Consultant will facilitate the rezoning process as necessary. Consultant will provide sketches/ schematics of potential subdivisions, preliminary plats based on TLO review of sketches, plat/subdivision applications to appropriate authorities, represent TLO at meetings and hearings, respond to comments on the plat, and complete the subdivision process. Review third party draft survey plats of Trust land to ensure survey plats meet TLO Surveying Standards and Requirements.

Example Deliverables:

Rezoning approvals from local governments, recorded plats of new subdivisions.

Expertise Required:

Surveying, platting, facilitation of plat approval.

5.Site Visits/Project Inspections

When requested, the consultant will conduct site visits or project inspections. The purpose of the

site visits and project inspections will be to generally inspect Trust lands and on-going projects. Consultant will provide TLO personnel with an on-site briefing for specific land use recommendations.

Project inspections will involve review of transaction file materials and inspection of the project for

compliance with TLO requirements and local/state/federal laws and regulations. The consultant may also be requested to provide an update on the status of a specific project.

Example Deliverables:

Site visit reports summarizing findings, including digital imagery, and recommendation.

Expertise Required:

Understanding and interpretation of land records and TLO project requirements, understanding of and ability to apply local/state/federal laws, the ability to identify parcel locations and do site inspections

and analysis.

A combination of any or all of the above tasks or those listed under Section II General Tasks and Requirements may be required.

The Work Order Process

Flexibility and on-call availability from the consultant are required. The TLO's intent is to follow a process that will provide for the most cost-effective means to accomplish the work required. Proposers may offer an alternative process, terms, or conditions that would encourage or promote efficiencies in using this term agreement.

The TLO will use the following work order assignment process.

1.After identifying a need for a project, the TLO project manager will submit a written Work Order

to the consultant describing the task(s) to be complete. As an alternative the TLO may provide a project outline and request the contractor to provide a draft scope of work. The Work Order will:

- a. identify the tasks to be completed,
- b. identify anticipated deliverables,
- c. provide a deadline for completion of the task(s), and
- d. provide a deadline for submission of the work order proposal.

2. Within the timeframe identified in the work order request the consultant will provide a written proposal that includes:

- a. concurrence with the plan and deliverables or an alternate plan and deliverables,
- b. estimated time involvement of key individuals,
- c. a list of any proposed subcontractors and the work they will be doing,
- d. a proposed work schedule identifying any critical decision points and expectations the consultant may have for the TLO for review or participation,
- e. a cost proposal to complete the work order that includes estimates of all labor, transportation, materials, and expenses to complete the project, and
- f. a fixed cost price for the project as proposed. In the event a particular project has too many

unknown variables to prepare a fixed price proposal, the consultant in conjunction with the Project Manager will make the determination to allow the use of time and expenses (T&E) pricing as an alternative method of cost pricing.

3.Upon receipt of the proposal the TLO will review the proposal with the consultant and either accept the proposal as offered or negotiate as needed to assure the work is completed in the most cost effective and efficient manner.

4. The final work order scope, terms, schedule, and cost will be agreed to in writing by both parties and a Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued. 5. Contractor should not begin work without a signed NTP.

Other Considerations

1.Notification time periods for work orders may vary from 24 hours to several weeks, depending on the nature and complexity of work required.

2. The expected level of detail associated with the consultant's work will be specified in each work order and will be project specific.

3.Unless special requests are made (e.g., related to scheduled meetings, or limited availability interviews), the consultant will be free to perform the requested tasks at his/her discretion within the timeframe allotted by the TLO.

4.Subcontractors may be used by the contractor subject to the TLO approval. The consultant must submit the full name, address, phone, fax, email and a copy of the subcontractor's business license with each work order.

5. The Consultant may be required to provide a detailed description of the subcontractor's work in the response to a work order and copies of agreements between the subcontractor and the consultant.

6. The TLO makes no guarantee as to any minimum amount of work that will be given to the successful contractor.

7. The consultant will be responsible for having all necessary equipment to perform the tasks as outlined, e.g., field gear, survey instruments, GPS equipment, cameras, etc.

8. The consultant will seek to be efficient with regard to time expended and costs incurred. For example, the consultant should inform the TLO of opportunities to minimize travel costs by coordinating work done on behalf of the TLO with other non-Trust related work the consultant may be performing.

9.Failure of the consultant to respond to the work order requests in a timely manner or failure to complete work on time may be grounds for termination of the contract.

10.The TLO reserves the right to contract with other contractors for services that may be provided under this contract during the period of the term agreement and any subsequent renewals if the TLO believes it is in the best interest of the Trust to do so.

Administrative Requirements

Confidentiality and Ownership of Documents and Materials

All data, maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, recommendations, estimates, documents, computer files and all other data produced by, compiled by or received by the Contractor under this Contract shall be the property of the TLO, shall be treated by the Contractor as confidential and shall be delivered only to the TLO project manager or other authorized officials as required in the contract. Their contents shall not be made known by the Contractor to any person other than personnel of the Contractor performing services under this Contract without written consent of the TLO.

Reimbursement to the TLO for Unacceptable Deliverables

The Contractor is responsible for quality, accuracy and completion of all work identified by the contract. All work shall be subject to evaluation and inspection by the TLO at all times to assure satisfactory progress, to be certain that work is being performed in accordance with the contract specifications, terms and conditions, and to determine if corrections or modifications are necessary. Should such inspections indicate substantial failure on the part of the Contractor, the TLO may terminate the contract for default. Furthermore, the TLO may require the Contractor to reimburse any monies paid (pro rata based on the identified proportion of unacceptable products received) and any associated damage costs.

News Releases

News releases pertaining to this RFP or the project to which it relates shall not be made without prior approval of the Project Manager. The Contractor will be required to coordinate with the Issuing Office of this RFP before making any response to a request for information regarding this project.

Additional Terms and Conditions

The TLO reserves the right to include additional terms and conditions during the contract negotiations. These terms and conditions must be within the scope of the original RFP and contract documents, and will be limited to cost, clarification, definition, and administrative and legal requirements.

The contractor is responsible for having all necessary equipment to perform the tasks as outlined. Transportation needs, field gear, general equipment, or other specialized equipment are the responsibility of the contractor.

Invoicing

The TLO may withhold up to 30% of each work order amount pending final approval of the specific plat in the work order scope of work.

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 an NTP.

Project Staff

All services must be performed by or under the direct supervision of specific individuals appointed

by the Project Manager. Replacement of, or addition to, the Project Staff identified in an offerors proposal requires prior written approval from the Project Manager.

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.

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.

Correspondence

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

Documents and Reports

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.

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.

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.

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 Project Number(s).
- f. Prepared for: The Trust Land Office, Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources.
- g. Prepared by:

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

Plans, Maps, and Plats

Plans, maps, and plats shall be submitted with solid black ink on A1, 841 x 594 mm original vellum or mylar in Contracting Agency format. **Final drawings** shall be on mylar unless another medium is specifically called for in the Contract. All final drawings shall be plotted so that the

front surface of the mylar is inkable and erasable. No Kroy lettering or "sticky back" applications shall be used.

Right-of-Way Base Maps and the Right-of-Way Maps

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

3.02 Deliverables

The contractor will be required to provide the following deliverables:

 A work proposal for each specific task under consideration by DNR accompanied by a time and cost to perform the scope of work within the parameters established by the term contract.
 Notes, results, recommendations, evaluations, studies, opinions, and technical findings for all activities or items related to above term contractor duties.

3. Other deliverables and documentation as assigned.

3.03 Contract Type

The State intends to award term contract(s) for these services. Payments under the contract will either be time and expenses or fixed price, depending on the nature of the work, as specified in the NTP.

3.04 Proposed Payment Procedures

The state will make payments based on a negotiated payment schedule. Each billing must consist of an invoice and progress report.

For fixed price NTPs, payment will be made at the negotiated price for each Notice to Proceed approved by DNR.

For time and expenses NTPs, the Contractor will be reimbursed for labor cost at the loaded hourly rates indicated in the fee schedule, and for reasonable and necessary direct expenses. Markup of subcontractor costs will not be allowed. The Contractor shall provide a unique invoice for each NTP. Billing statements must include an itemization of all costs and copies of invoices for travel. No payment will be made until the progress report and billing has been approved by the project director.

3.05 Prompt Payment for State Purchases

The state is eligible to receive a 5% discount for all invoices paid within 15 business days from the date of receipt of the commodities or services and/or a correct invoice, whichever is later. The discount shall be taken on the full invoice amount. The state shall consider payment being made as either the date a printed warrant is issued or the date an electronic funds transfer (EFT) is initiated.

3.06 Contract Payment

No payment will be made until the contract is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources or the Commissioner's designee. Under no conditions will the state be liable for the payment of any interest charges associated with the cost of the contract.

The state is not responsible for and will not pay local, state, or federal taxes. All costs associated with the contract must be stated in U.S. currency.

3.07 Location of Work

The location of work performed will be the Contractor's Office and throughout northern, southcentral, and southeast regions of Alaska.

3.08 Subcontractors

Subcontractors may be used to perform work under this contract. If an offeror intends to use subcontractors, the offeror must identify in the proposal the names of the subcontractors and the portions of the work the subcontractors will perform.

Subcontractor experience shall be considered in determining whether the offeror meets the requirements set forth in Section 1.04 Prior Experience of this RFP.

If a proposal with subcontractors is selected, the offeror must provide the following information concerning each prospective subcontractor within five working days from the date of the state's request:

- a. Complete name of the subcontractor;
- b. Complete address of the subcontractor;
- c. Type of work the subcontractor will be performing;
- d. Percentage of work the subcontractor will be providing;

e. Evidence that the subcontractor holds a valid Alaska business license, and respective professional surveying licenses unless working under the direct supervision of the Alaska registered surveyor required under Section 1.04 of this RFP; and

f. A written statement, signed by each proposed subcontractor that clearly verifies that the subcontractor is committed to render the services required by the contract.

An offeror's failure to provide this information within the time set, may cause the state to consider their proposal non-responsive and reject it. The substitution of one subcontractor for another may be made only at the discretion and prior written approval of the State's project director.

Note that if the subcontractor will not be performing work within Alaska, they will not be required to hold an Alaska business license.

3.09 Joint Ventures

Joint ventures will not be allowed.

3.10 Right to Inspect Place of Business

At reasonable times, the state may inspect those areas of the contractor's place of business that are related to the performance of a contract. If the state makes such an inspection, the contractor must provide reasonable assistance.

3.11 F.O.B. Point

Not applicable.

3.12 Contract Personnel

Any change of the project team members or subcontractors named in the proposal must be approved, in advance and in writing, by the project manager. Personnel changes that are not approved by the state may be grounds for the state to terminate the contract.

3.13 Inspection & Modification - Reimbursement for Unacceptable Deliverables

The contractor is responsible for the completion of all work set out in the contract. All work is subject to inspection, evaluation, and approval by the project manager. The state may employ all reasonable means to ensure that the work is progressing and being performed in compliance with the contract. The project manager may instruct the contractor to make corrections or modifications if needed to accomplish the contract's intent. The contractor will not unreasonably withhold such changes.

Substantial failure of the contractor to perform the contract may cause the state to terminate the contract. In this event, the state may require the contractor to reimburse monies paid (based on the identified portion of unacceptable work received) and may seek associated damages.

3.14 Liquidated Damages

Not applicable

3.15 Contract Changes - Unanticipated Amendments

During the course of this contract the contractor may be required to perform additional work. That work will be within the general scope of the initial contract. When additional work is required, the project director will provide the contractor a written description of the additional work and request the contractor to submit a firm time schedule for accomplishing the additional work and a firm price for the additional work. Cost and pricing data must be provided to justify the cost of such amendments per AS 36.30.400.

The contractor will not commence additional work until the project manager has secured any required state approvals necessary for the amendment and issued a written contract amendment, approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources or the Commissioner's designee.

3.16 Nondisclosure and Confidentiality

Contractor agrees that all confidential information shall be used only for purposes of providing the deliverables and performing the services specified herein and shall not disseminate or allow dissemination of confidential information except as provided for in this section. The contractor shall hold as confidential and will use reasonable care (including both facility physical security and electronic security) to prevent unauthorized access by, storage, disclosure, publication, dissemination to and/or use by third parties of, the confidential information. "Reasonable care" means compliance by the contractor with all applicable federal and state law, including the Social Security Act and HIPAA. The contractor must promptly notify the state in writing if it becomes aware of any storage, disclosure, loss, unauthorized access to or use of the confidential information.

Confidential information, as used herein, means any data, files, software, information or materials (whether prepared by the state or its agents or advisors) in oral, electronic, tangible or intangible form and however stored, compiled or memorialized that is classified confidential as defined by State of Alaska classification and categorization guidelines provided by the state to the contractor or a contractor agent or otherwise made available to the contractor or a contractor agent in the performance of this contract. Examples of confidential information include, but are not limited to: technology infrastructure, architecture, financial data, trade secrets, equipment specifications, user lists, passwords, research data, and technology data (infrastructure, architecture, operating systems, security tools, IP addresses, etc). Additional information that the contractor shall hold as confidential during the performance of services under this contract include:

a. Any solicitation, proposal, work product, software, analyses, opinion, or other information made available to the Contractor which the State of Alaska designates as confidential under AS 38.05.035(a)(8)(C),

b. Information submitted to the State of Alaska and forwarded to the Contractor for services under this contract when the originator of the submittal has requested confidentiality under AS 38.05.035(a)(8)(C).

Information to be held confidential under AS 38.05.035(a)(8)(C) may include, but is not limited to, all geological, geophysical, and engineering data supplied, whether or not concerned with the extraction or development of natural resources.

If confidential information is requested to be disclosed by the contractor pursuant to a request received by a third party and such disclosure of the confidential information is required under applicable state or federal law, regulation, governmental or regulatory authority, the contractor may disclose the confidential information after providing the state with written notice of the requested disclosure (to the extent such notice to the state is permitted by applicable law) and giving the state opportunity to review the request. If the contractor receives no objection from the state, it may release the confidential information within 30 days. Notice of the requested disclosure of confidential information by the contractor must be provided to the state within a reasonable time after the contractor's receipt of notice of the requested disclosure and, upon

request of the state, shall seek to obtain legal protection from the release of the confidential information.

The following information shall not be considered confidential information: information previously known to be public information when received from the other party; information freely available to the general public; information which now is or hereafter becomes publicly known by other than a breach of confidentiality hereof; or information which is disclosed by a party pursuant to subpoena or other legal process and which as a result becomes lawfully obtainable by the general public.

3.17 Insurance Requirements

The successful offeror must provide proof of workers' compensation insurance prior to contract approval.

The successful offeror must secure the insurance coverage required by the state. The coverage must be satisfactory to the Department of Administration Division of Risk Management. An offeror's failure to provide evidence of such insurance coverage is a material breach and grounds for withdrawal of the award or termination of the contract.

Offerors must review form APPENDIX B2, attached, for details on required coverage. No alteration of these requirements will be permitted without prior written approval from the Department of Administration, Division of Risk Management. Objections to any of the requirements in APPENDIX B2 must be set out in the offeror's proposal.

3.18 Termination for Default

If the project manager determines that the contractor has refused to perform the work or has failed to perform the work with such diligence as to ensure its timely and accurate completion, or if changes occur in key personnel listed in the proposal, the state may, by providing written notice to the contractor, terminate the contractor's right to proceed with part or all of the remaining work.

This clause does not restrict the state's termination rights under the contract provisions of Appendix A, attached to this RFP.

4. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

4.01. Proposal Format and Content

The state discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals, however, for the state to evaluate proposals fairly and completely, offerors must follow the format set out in this RFP and provide all information requested.

4.02 Introduction

Proposals must include the complete name and address of offeror's firm and the name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the person the state should contact regarding the proposal.

Proposals must confirm that the offeror will comply with all provisions in this RFP and, if applicable, provide notice that the firm qualifies as an Alaskan bidder.

Proposals must be signed by a company officer empowered to bind the company.

Proposals must include a statement indicating whether or not the firm or any individuals working on the contract has a possible conflict of interest as required by paragraphs 1.08(d) of this RFP.

An offeror's failure to include these items in the proposals may cause the proposal to be determined to be non-responsive and the proposal may be rejected.

4.03 Understanding of the Project and Management Plan

Offerors must provide comprehensive narrative statements that illustrate their understanding of the requirements of the project. Also required are comprehensive narrative statements that set out the management plan they intend to follow and illustrate how the plan will serve to accomplish the work. Also include descriptions of how project information will be communicated with DNR.

4.04 Experience and Qualifications

Offerors must provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate and confirm compliance with Section 1.04 Prior Experience. Contact names and telephone numbers must also be included. Offerors must provide a narrative description of the organization of the project team, including the roles of each team member, and a personnel roster that identifies each person who will actually work on the contract and provide the following information about each person listed:

- (a) title,
- (b) resume or curricula vitae.

Preferred Experience:

Surveyors credentialed through the Certified Federal Surveyor Program (CFSP) are preferred; however, this is not a minimum requirement. Surveyors that are credentialed through CFSP must provide evidence of this with their proposal.

4.05 Past Performance

Offerors must describe three previous projects the project team has worked on that are related to the surveying services outlined in this RFP. Provide 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

project team members 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.

4.06 Quality of Proposal

Offerors do not respond to this criterion. The Proposal Evaluation 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.

4.07 Evaluation Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed to determine if they are responsive. Proposals determined to be responsive will be evaluated using the criterion that is set out in Section 5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION.

An evaluation will not be based on discrimination due to the race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, or political affiliation of the offeror.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS USED TO SCORE THIS PROPOSAL IS 100

5.01 Understanding of the Project and Management Plan (20%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

a. How well has the offeror demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project?

b.How well has the offeror identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project?

c.To what degree has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the deliverables the state expects it to provide?

d.How well does the management plan support all of the project requirements and logically lead to the deliverables required in the RFP?

e.How well is accountability completely and clearly defined?

f.Has the offeror gone beyond the minimum tasks necessary to meet the objectives of the RFP?

5.02 Experience and Qualifications (25%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below:

a.Questions regarding the personnel:

1.To what extent do the individuals assigned to the project have experience working in areas identified in Section 3 SCOPE OF WORK AND CONTRACT INFORMATION?

2.Are resumes or curricula vitae complete and do they demonstrate backgrounds that would be desirable for individuals engaged in the work the project requires?

3.To what extent do the project team members meet or exceed the minimum requirements defined in Section 1.04 PRIOR EXPERIENCE?

4. Does the firm appear to have sufficient staff availability to be able to perform this work?

5. Does the firm provide evidence of any surveyors credentialed through the Certified Federal Surveyor Program?

5.03 Past Performance (35%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

1.How well has the firm described their past experience working projects related to the surveying services identified in Section 3 SCOPE OF WORK AND CONTRACT INFORMATION?

2.How successful is the general history of the firm regarding timely and successful completion of projects, as confirmed by references?

5.04 Quality of Proposal (10%)

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

1.How well did the Offeror do in creating a clear and concise proposal based on the requirements of this RFP and Section 4 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT?

5.05 Alaska Offeror Preference (10%)

If an offeror qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference, the offeror will receive an Alaska Offeror Preference. The preference will be 10% of the total available points. This amount will be added to the overall evaluation score of each Alaskan offeror.

6. GENERAL PROCESS INFORMATION

6.01 Informal Debriefing

When the contract is completed, an informal debriefing may be performed at the discretion of the project director. If performed, the scope of the debriefing will be limited to the work performed by the contractor.

6.02 Alaska Business License and Other Required Licenses

Prior to the award of a contract, an offeror must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and other related preferences, such as the Alaska Veteran and Alaska Offeror Preference, an offeror must hold a valid Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. Offerors should contact the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing, PO Box 110806, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0806, for information on these licenses.

Acceptable evidence that the offeror possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

a. copy of an Alaska business license;

b. certification on the proposal that the offeror has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the proposal;

c. a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee;

d. a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office; or

e. a sworn and notarized statement that the offeror has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.

You are not required to hold a valid Alaska business license at the time proposals are opened if you possess one of the following licenses and are offering services or supplies under that specific line of business:

a. fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game;

b. liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only;

c. insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance; or

d. Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue.

Prior the deadline for receipt of proposals, all offerors must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute, including a corporate certificate of authorization to practice surveying in Alaska as required by AS 08.48.241 and 12 AAC 36.135 in addition to the professional surveying license for the person(s) identified under Section 1.04. A copy of the corporate certificate of authorization should be included with the proposal as well as the license numbers of all professional surveyors listed in the proposal.

6.03 Site Inspection

The state may conduct on-site visits to evaluate the offeror's capacity to perform the contract. An offeror must agree, at risk of being found non-responsive and having its proposal rejected, to provide the state reasonable access to relevant portions of its work sites. Individuals designated by the procurement officer at the state's expense will make site inspection.

6.04 Clarification of Offers

In order to determine if a proposal is reasonably susceptible for award, communications by the procurement officer or the proposal evaluation committee (PEC) are permitted with an offeror to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of a proposal. Clarifications may not result in a material or substantive change to the proposal. The evaluation by the procurement officer or the PEC may be adjusted as a result of a clarification under this section.

6.05 Discussions with Offerors

The state may conduct discussions with offerors in accordance with AS 36.30.240 and 2 AAC 12.290. The purpose of these discussions will be to ensure full understanding of the requirements of the RFP and proposal. Discussions will be limited to specific sections of the RFP or proposal identified by the procurement officer. Discussions will only be held with offerors who have submitted a proposal deemed reasonably susceptible for award by the procurement officer. Discussions, if held, will be after initial evaluation of proposals by the procurement officer or the PEC. If modifications are made as a result of these discussions, they will be put in writing.

Following discussions, the procurement officer may set a time for best and final proposal submissions from those offerors with whom discussions were held. Proposals may be reevaluated after receipt of best and final proposal submissions.

If an offeror does not submit a best and final proposal or a notice of withdrawal, the offeror's immediate previous proposal is considered the offeror's best and final proposal.

Offerors with a disability needing accommodation should contact the procurement officer prior to the date set for discussions so that reasonable accommodation can be made. Any oral modification of a proposal must be reduced to writing by the offeror.

6.06 Evaluation of Proposals

The procurement officer, or an evaluation committee made up of at least three state employees or public officials, will evaluate proposals. The evaluation will be based solely on the evaluation factors set out in SECTION 5. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION. After receipt of proposals, if there is a need for any substantial clarification or material change in the RFP, an amendment will be issued. The amendment will incorporate the clarification or change, and a new date and time established for new or amended proposals. Evaluations may be adjusted as a result of receiving new or amended proposals.

6.07 Contract Negotiation

After final evaluation, the procurement officer may negotiate with the offeror of the highestranked proposal. Negotiations, if held, shall be within the scope of the request for proposals and limited to those items which would not have an effect on the ranking of proposals. If the highestranked offeror fails to provide necessary information for negotiations in a timely manner, or fails to negotiate in good faith, the state may terminate negotiations and negotiate with the offeror of the next highest-ranked proposal.

If contract negotiations are commenced, they may be held in the Robert B. Atwood Building, 550 W. 7th Ave. in Anchorage, Alaska.

If the contract negotiations take place in Anchorage, Alaska, the offeror will be responsible for their travel and per diem expenses.

6.08 Failure to Negotiate

If the selected offeror either:

a. fails to provide the information required to begin negotiations in a timely manner; or

b. fails to negotiate in good faith; or

c. indicates they cannot perform the contract within the budgeted funds available for the project; or

d. if the offeror and the state, after a good faith effort, simply cannot come to terms,

the state may terminate negotiations with the offeror initially selected and commence negotiations with the next highest ranked offeror.

6.09 Offeror Notification of Selection

After the completion of contract negotiations, the procurement officer will issue a written Notice of Intent to Award (NIA) and send copies to all offerors. The NIA will set out the names of all offerors and identify the proposal selected for award.

6.10 Protest

AS 36.30.560 provides that an interested party may protest the content of the RFP. An interested party is defined in 2 AAC 12.990(a) (7) as "an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose economic interest might be affected substantially and directly by the issuance of a contract solicitation, the award of a contract, or the failure to award a contract." If an interested party wishes to protest the content of a solicitation, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer at least ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

AS 36.30.560 also provides that an interested party may protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract. If an offeror wishes to protest the award of a contract or the proposed award of a contract, the protest must be received, in writing, by the procurement officer within ten days after the date the Notice of Intent to Award the contract is issued.

A protester must have submitted a proposal in order to have sufficient standing to protest the proposed award of a contract. Protests must include the following information:

a. the name, address, and telephone number of the protester;

b. the signature of the protester or the protester's representative;

c. identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue;

d. a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and the form of relief requested.

Protests filed by telex or telegram are not acceptable because they do not contain a signature. Fax copies containing a signature are acceptable.

The procurement officer will issue a written response to the protest. The response will set out the procurement officer's decision and contain the basis of the decision within the statutory time limit in AS 36.30.580. A copy of the decision will be furnished to the protester by certified mail, fax or another method that provides evidence of receipt.

All offerors will be notified of any protest. The review of protests, decisions of the procurement officer, appeals, and hearings, will be conducted in accordance with the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), Article 8 "Legal and Contractual Remedies."

6.11 Application of Preferences

Certain preferences apply to all contracts for professional services, regardless of their dollar value. The Alaska Bidder, Alaska Veteran, and Alaska Offeror preferences are the most common preferences involved in the RFP process. Additional preferences that may apply to this procurement are listed below. Guides that contain excerpts from the relevant statutes and codes, explain when the preferences apply and provide examples of how to calculate the preferences are available at the Department of Administration, Division of General Service's web site: http://doa.alaska.gov/dgs/pdf/pref1.pdf

Alaska Products Preference - AS 36.30.332 Recycled Products Preference - AS 36.30.337 Local Agriculture and Fisheries Products Preference - AS 36.15.050 Employment Program Preference - AS 36.30.321(b) Alaskans with Disabilities Preference - AS 36.30.321(d) Alaska Veteran's Preference - AS 36.30.321(f)

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development keeps a list of qualified employment programs and individuals who qualify as persons with a disability. As evidence of a business' or an individual's right to the Employment Program or Alaskans with Disabilities preferences, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of these preferences, a business or individual must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list prior to the time designated for receipt of proposals. <u>Offerors must</u> attach a copy of their certification letter to the proposal. An offeror's failure to provide this certification letter with their proposal will cause the state to disallow the preference.

6.12 Alaska Bidder Preference

Not applicable to RFPs for architects, engineers, or land surveyors.

6.13 Alaska Veteran Preference

Not applicable to RFPs for architects, engineers, or land surveyors.

6.14 Alaska Offeror Preference

2 AAC 12.260(e) provides Alaska offerors a 10% overall evaluation point preference. Alaska bidders, as defined in AS 36.30.990(2), are eligible for the preference. An Alaska offeror will receive 10 percent of the total available points added to their overall evaluation score as a preference.

6.15 Formula Used to Convert Cost to Points

Not applicable to RFPs for architects, engineers, or land surveyors.

6.16 Examples: Converting Cost to Points and Applying Preferences

Not applicable to RFPs for architects, engineers, or land surveyors.

7. General Legal Information

7.01 Standard Contract Provisions

The contractor will be required to sign and submit the State's Standard Agreement Form generated by the IRIS database or the State's Standard Agreement Form for Professional Services Contracts. Appendix A, General Conditions, is attached to this RFP for your review. The contractor must comply with the contract provisions set out in this attachment. No alteration of these provisions will be permitted without prior written approval from the Department of Law. Objections to any of the provisions in Appendix A must be set out in the offeror's proposal.

7.02 Proposal as a Part of the Contract

This RFP and the successful proposal will be incorporated into the contract.

7.03 Additional Terms and Conditions

The state reserves the right to add terms and conditions during contract negotiations. These terms and conditions will be within the scope of the RFP and will not affect the proposal evaluations.

7.04 Human Trafficking

By signature on their proposal, the offeror certifies that the offeror is not established and headquartered or incorporated and headquartered in a country recognized as Tier 3 in the most

recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report. The most recent United States Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report can be found at the following website: <u>http://www.state.gov/j/tip/</u>. Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the proposal as non-responsive, or cancel the contract.

7.05 Right of Rejection

Offerors must comply with all of the terms of the RFP, the State Procurement Code (AS 36.30), and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. The procurement officer may reject any proposal that does not comply with all of the material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the RFP.

Offerors may not qualify the proposal nor restrict the rights of the state. If an offeror does so, the procurement officer may determine the proposal to be a non-responsive counter-offer and the proposal may be rejected.

Minor informalities that:

- a. do not affect responsiveness;
- b. are merely a matter of form or format;
- c. do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers;
- d. do not change the meaning or scope of the RFP;
- e. are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature;
- f. do not reflect a material change in the work; or
- g. do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision;

may be waived by the procurement officer.

The state reserves the right to refrain from making an award if it determines that to be in its best interest.

A proposal from a debarred or suspended offeror shall be rejected.

7.06 State Not Responsible for Preparation Costs

The state will not pay any cost associated with the preparation, submittal, presentation, or evaluation of any proposal.

7.07 Disclosure of Proposal Contents

All proposals and other material submitted become the property of the State of Alaska and may be returned only at the state's option. AS 40.25.110 requires public records to be open to reasonable inspection. All proposal information, including detailed price and cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and prior to the time a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Thereafter, proposals will become public information.

Trade secrets and other proprietary data contained in proposals may be held confidential if the offeror requests, in writing, that the procurement officer does so, and if the procurement officer agrees, in writing, to do so. The offeror's request must be included with the proposal, must clearly identify the information they wish to be held confidential, and include a statement that

sets out the reasons for confidentiality. Unless the procurement officer agrees in writing to hold the requested information confidential, that information will also become public after the Notice of Intent to Award is issued.

7.08 Assignment

Per 2 AAC 12.480, the contractor may not transfer or assign any portion of the contract without prior written approval from the procurement officer.

7.09 Disputes

A contract resulting from this RFP is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the agreement that it cannot resolve with the state by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – AS 36.30.632. To the extent not otherwise governed by the preceding, the claim shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

7.10 Severability

If any provision of the contract or agreement is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions will not be affected; and, the rights and obligations of the parties will be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

7.11 Supplemental Terms and Conditions

Proposals must comply with SEC. 1.12 Right of Rejection. However, if the state fails to identify or detect supplemental terms or conditions that conflict with those contained in this RFP or that diminish the state's rights under any contract resulting from the RFP, the term(s) or condition(s) will be considered null and void. After award of contract:

a. if conflict arises between a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal and a term or condition of the RFP, the term or condition of the RFP will prevail; andb. if the state's rights would be diminished as a result of application of a supplemental term or condition included in the proposal, the supplemental term or condition will be considered null and void.

7.12 Contract Invalidation

If any provision of this contract is found to be invalid, such invalidation will not be construed to invalidate the entire contract.

7.13 Solicitation Advertising

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 2 AAC 12.220.

8. ATTACHMENTS

8.01 Proposal Evaluation Form 8.02 Standard Agreement Form - Appendix A, General Conditions 8.03 Appendix B2

8.01 PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM

Offeror Name:	
Evaluator	
Name:	
Date of Review:	
RFP Number:	

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS USED TO SCORE THIS PROPOSAL IS 100

All proposals will be reviewed for responsiveness and then evaluated using the criteria set out herein.

5.01 Understanding of the Project and Management Plan - 20 Percent

Maximum Point Value for this Section – 20 Points

100 Points x 20 Percent = 20 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

a.How well has the offeror demonstrated a thorough understanding of the purpose and scope of the project? NOTES:

b.How well has the offeror identified pertinent issues and potential problems related to the project?

NOTES:

c.To what degree has the offeror demonstrated an understanding of the deliverables the state expects it to provide?

NOTES:

d.How well does the management plan support all of the project requirements and logically lead to the deliverables required in the RFP?

NOTES:

e.How well is accountability completely and clearly defined?

NOTES:

f.Has the offeror gone beyond the minimum tasks necessary to meet the objectives of the RFP?

NOTES:

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.01 UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN:_____

5.02 Experience and Qualifications - 25 Percent

Maximum Point Value for this Section – 25 Points

100 Points x 25 Percent = 25 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

a.Questions regarding the personnel.

1.To what extent do the individuals assigned to the project have experience working in areas identified in Section 3 SCOPE OF WORK AND CONTRACT INFORMATION?

NOTES:

2.Are resumes or curricula vitae complete and do they demonstrate backgrounds that would be desirable for individuals engaged in the work the RFP requires? NOTES:

3.To what extent do the project team members meet or exceed the minimum requirements defined in Section 1.04 PRIOR EXPERIENCE?

NOTES:

4. Does the firm appear to have sufficient staff availability to be able to perform this work?

NOTES:

5. Does the firm provide evidence of any surveyors credentialed through the Certified Federal Surveyor Program?

NOTES:

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.02 EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

5.03 Past Performance - 35 Percent

Maximum Point Value for this Section – 35 Points

100 Points x 35 Percent = 35 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

1.How well has the firm described their past experience working projects related to the surveying services identified in Section 3 SCOPE OF WORK AND CONTRACT INFORMATION?

NOTES:

2.How successful is the general history of the firm regarding timely and successful completion of projects, as confirmed by references?

NOTES:

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.03 PAST PERFORMANCE:

5.04 Quality of Proposal - 10 Percent

Maximum Point Value for this Section – 10 Points

100 Points x 10 Percent = 10 Points

Proposals will be evaluated against the questions set out below.

1.How well did the Offeror do in creating a clear and concise proposal based on the requirements of this RFP and Section 4 PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT?

EVALUATOR'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.04 QUALITY OF PROPOSAL:

PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S POINT TOTAL FOR 5.01 THROUGH 5.04:

5.05 Alaska Offeror Preference - 10 Percent

If an offeror qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference, the offeror will receive an Alaska Offeror Preference. The preference will be 10 percent of the total available points. This amount will be added to the overall evaluation score of each Alaskan offeror.

PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S POINT TOTAL FOR ALASKA OFFEROR'S PREFERENCE (EITHER 0 OR 10):_____

5.06 COMBINED TOTAL

This section will be completed by the Procurement Officer.

- a. Evaluator's Combined Total for Sections 5.01 5.04:
- b. Procurement Officer's Evaluation for Section 5.05:

d. TOTAL EVALUATED SCORE: _____

e. Procurement Officer's Initials: _____ and Date Completed: _____.

STANDARD AGREEMENT FORM FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The parties' contract comprises this Standard Agreement Form, as well as its referenced Articles and their associated Appendices

1. Agency Contract	Number	2. Contract Title		3. Agen	cy Fund Code See Appendix D		Appropriation Code ee Appendix D
5. Vendor Number	5. Vendor Number 6. IRIS Document ID #		#	7. Alaska Business License Number			
This contract is b	etween the Stat	te of Alaska,					
9 Department of			Division				
8. Department of			Division			hereafter t	ne State, and
9. Contractor							hereafter the contractor
Mailing Address		Street or P.O. E	Box		City	State	ZIP+4
2.2	Performance Appendix A (G Appendix B se	of Service:	cles 1 through 16, go insurance provisions	verns the p of this cont	are considered part of it. erformance of services und ract.	der this contract.	
ARTICLE 3.	Period of Performance: The period of performance for this contract begins, and ends						
ARTICLE 4. 4.1 4.2 11. Department of	\$	ration of the contractor's	ccordance with the p	provisions of nority Numb	t, the State shall pay the co f Appendix D. er or the Agency Contract :: Division of		
Mailing Address				Attention:			
12.	CON	ITRACTOR					
Name of Firm				 14. CERTIFICATION: I certify that the facts herein and on supportin documents are correct, that this voucher constitutes a legal charg against funds and appropriations cited, that sufficient funds an encumbered to pay this obligation, or that there is a sufficient balance in the appropriation cited to cover this obligation. I am aware that the knowingly make or allow false entries or alternations on a public record, or knowingly destroy, mutilate, suppress, conceal, remove otherwise impair the verity, legibility or availability of a public record constitutes tampering with public records punishable under A 11.56.815820. Other disciplinary action may be taken up to an availability of availability of availability of an availability of avai			
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Department/Division	<u></u>		Date				
Signature of Project Director			Typed or Printed Name				
Typed or Printed Name of Project Director				Title			

NOTICE: This contract has no effect until signed by the head of contracting agency or designee.

Title

APPENDIX A

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Definitions.

- 1.1 In this contract and appendices, "Project Director" or "Agency Head" or "Procurement Officer" means the person who signs this contract on behalf of the Requesting Agency and includes a successor or authorized representative.
- 1.2 "State Contracting Agency" means the department for which this contract is to be performed and for which the Commissioner or Authorized Designee acted in signing this contract.

Article 2. Inspections and Reports.

- 2.1 The department may inspect, in the manner and at reasonable times it considers appropriate, all the contractor's facilities and activities under this contract.
- 2.2 The contractor shall make progress and other reports in the manner and at the times the department reasonably requires.

Article 3. Disputes.

3.1 If the contractor has a claim arising in connection with the contract that it cannot resolve with the State by mutual agreement, it shall pursue the claim, if at all, in accordance with the provisions of AS 36.30.620 – 632.

Article 4. Equal Employment Opportunity.

- 4.1 The contractor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or because of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood when the reasonable demands of the position(s) do not require distinction on the basis of age, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood. The contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that the applicants are considered for employment and that employees are treated during employment without unlawful regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood. 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 to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting out the provisions of this paragraph.
- 4.2 The contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees to work on State of Alaska contract jobs, 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, disability, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood.
- 4.3 The contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice advising the labor union or workers' compensation 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.
- 4.4 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 those provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. For the purpose of including those provisions in any contract or subcontract, as required by this contract, "contractor" and "subcontractor" may be changed to reflect appropriately the name or designation of the parties of the contract or subcontract.
- 4.5 The contractor shall cooperate fully with State efforts which seek to deal with the problem of unlawful discrimination, and with all other State efforts to guarantee fair employment practices under this contract, and promptly comply with all requests and directions from the State Commission for Human Rights or any of its officers or agents relating to prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.6 Full cooperation in paragraph 4.5 includes, but is not limited to, being a witness in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; permitting employees of the contractor to be witnesses or complainants in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination, if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; permitting employees of the contractor to be witnesses or complainants in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination, if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; participating in meetings; submitting periodic reports on the equal employment aspects of present and future employment; assisting inspection of the contractor's facilities; and promptly complying with all State directives considered essential by any office or agency of the State of Alaska to insure compliance with all federal and State laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.7 Failure to perform under this article constitutes a material breach of contract.

Article 5. Termination.

The Project Director, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the State. In the absence of a breach of contract by the contractor, the State is liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

Article 6. No Assignment or Delegation.

The contractor may not assign or delegate this contract, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the written consent of the Project Director and the Agency Head.

Article 7. No Additional Work or Material.

No claim for additional services, not specifically provided in this contract, performed or furnished by the contractor, will be allowed, nor may the contractor do any work or furnish any material not covered by the contract unless the work or material is ordered in writing by the Project Director and approved by the Agency Head.

Article 8. Independent Contractor.

The contractor and any agents and employees of the contractor act in an independent capacity and are not officers or employees or agents of the State in the performance of this contract.

Article 9. Payment of Taxes.

As a condition of performance of this contract, 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 contract. Satisfactory performance of this paragraph is a condition precedent to payment by the State under this contract.

Article 10. Ownership of Documents.

All designs, drawings, specifications, notes, artwork, and other work developed in the performance of this agreement are produced for hire and remain the sole property of the State of Alaska and may be used by the State for any other purpose without additional compensation to the contractor. The contractor agrees not to assert any rights and not to establish any claim under the design patent or copyright laws. Nevertheless, if the contractor does mark such documents with a statement suggesting they are trademarked, copyrighted, or otherwise protected against the State's unencumbered use or distribution, the contractor agrees that this paragraph supersedes any such statement and renders it void. The contractor, for a period of three years after final payment under this contract, agrees to furnish and provide access to all retained materials at the request of the Project Director. Unless otherwise directed by the Project Director, the contractor may retain copies of all the materials.

Article 11. Governing Law; Forum Selection

This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by Article 3 of this Appendix, any claim concerning this contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

Article 12. Conflicting Provisions.

Unless specifically amended and approved by the Department of Law, the terms of this contract supersede any provisions the contractor may seek to add. The contractor may not add additional or different terms to this contract; AS 45.02.207(b)(1). The contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that, among other things, provisions in any documents it seeks to append hereto that purport to (1) waive the State of Alaska's sovereign immunity, (2) impose indemnification obligations on the State of Alaska, or (3) limit liability of the contractor for acts of contractor negligence, are expressly superseded by this contract and are void.

Article 13. Officials Not to Benefit.

Contractor must comply with all applicable federal or State laws regulating ethical conduct of public officers and employees.

Article 14. Covenant Against Contingent Fees.

The contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee except employees or agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business. For the breach or violation of this warranty, the State may terminate this contract without liability or in its discretion deduct from the contract price or consideration the full amount of the commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

Article 15. Compliance.

In the performance of this contract, the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws, and be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds.

Article 16. Force Majeure:

The parties to this contract are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of their obligations under this Agreement, if that failure or default is caused by any unforeseeable Force Majeure, beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the respective party. For the purposes of this Agreement, Force Majeure will mean war (whether declared or not); revolution; invasion; insurrection; riot; civil commotion; sabotage; military or usurped power; lightning; explosion; fire; storm; drought; flood; earthquake; epidemic; quarantine; strikes; 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 materials, machinery, equipment or labor because of priority, allocation or other regulations of any governmental authorities.

APPENDIX B² INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

Article 1. Indemnification

The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the contracting agency from and against any claim of, or liability for error, omission or negligent act 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 contractor 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 and the following 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.

Article 2. Insurance

Without limiting contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this agreement 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 state shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the contracting officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or material change of conditions in accordance with policy provisions. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach of this contract and shall be grounds for termination of the contractor's services. All insurance policies shall comply with and be issued by insurers licensed to transact the business of insurance under AS 21.

2.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees engaged in work under this contract, coverage as required by AS 23.30.045, and; where applicable, any other statutory obligations including but not limited to Federal U.S.L. & H. and Jones Act requirements. The policy must waive subrogation against the State.

2.2 Commercial General Liability Insurance: covering all business premises and operations used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per claim.

2.3 Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all vehicles used by the Contractor in the performance of services under this agreement with minimum coverage limits of \$300,000 combined single limit per claim.

2.4 Professional Liability Insurance: covering all errors, omissions or negligent acts in the performance of professional services under this agreement. Limits required per the following schedule:

Contract Amount	Minimum Required Limits
Under \$100,000	\$300,000 per Claim / Annual Aggregate
\$100,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 per Claim / Annual Aggregate
\$500,000-\$999,999	\$1,000,000 per Claim / Annual Aggregate
\$1,000,000 or over	Refer to Risk Management