

# STATE OF ALASKA INVITATION TO BID (ITB)



## DELTA RIVER WEST FUEL BREAK – PHASE 2 ITB 2025-1000-0222

ISSUED 12/18/2024

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** If you received this solicitation from the State of Alaska’s “Online Public Notice” web site, you must register with the procurement officer listed below if you desire to receive notification of subsequent amendments to the solicitation.

**BIDDER'S NOTICE:** By signature on this form, the bidder certifies that they comply with the following:

- (1) the bidder has a valid Alaska business license or will obtain one prior to award of any contract resulting from this ITB. If the bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license, the license number must be written below or one the following forms of evidence must be submitted with the bid:
  - a canceled check for the business license fee;
  - a copy of the business license application with a receipt date stamp from the State's business license office;
  - a receipt from the State’s business license office for the license fee;
  - a copy of the bidder’s valid business license;
  - a sworn notarized affidavit that the bidder has applied and paid for a business license;
- (2) the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently and without collusion, under penalty of perjury, and that the bidder is complying with:
  - the laws of the State of Alaska;
  - the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
  - the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
  - the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
  - the bid will remain open and valid for at least 90 days;
  - all terms and conditions set out in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

If a bidder does not hold an Alaska Business License (1) at the time designated in the ITB for opening the state will disallow the Alaska Bidder Preference. Bids must also be submitted under the name as appearing on the bidder’s current Alaska business license in order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference. If a bidder fails to comply with (2) of this paragraph, the state may reject the bid, terminate the contract, or consider the contractor in default.

<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	
<b>DIVISION OF FORESTRY &amp; FIRE PROTECTION</b>	_____
	COMPANY SUBMITTING BID
	_____
	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
PROCUREMENT OFFICER:	
<b>MADELYN F. LOWE</b>	_____
	PRINTED NAME
PHONE: (907) <b>761-6357</b>	
EMAIL: <b>MADELYN.LOWE@ALASKA.GOV</b>	_____
	DATE

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## SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS

### SEC. 1.01 PURPOSE OF THE ITB

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, is soliciting bids for the development of a fuel break approximately two miles west of Delta Junction, Alaska. This project is a critical component of wildfire prevention efforts, aimed at protecting the community and surrounding areas by reducing fuel loads in the region.

The scope of work includes creating a 300-foot-wide linear fuel break through "roller-chopping," which will crush and chop all brush, shrubs, and small trees within the designated area. The successful contractor will be responsible for providing all necessary equipment, qualified operators, and arranging transportation and lodging to complete the project during the winter season.

### SEC. 1.02 BUDGET

Department of **NATURAL RESOURCES**, Division of **FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION**, estimates a budget of between **\$700,000.00** and **\$1,000,000.00** USD for this contract. Bids priced at more than **\$1,100,000.00** will be considered non-responsive.

Payment for the contract is subject to funds already appropriated and identified.

### SEC. 1.03 DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS

Bids must be received no later than **2:00 PM** Alaska Time on **JANUARY 8, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened. Late bids or amendments will be considered non-responsive and will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

### SEC. 1.04 PRIOR EXPERIENCE

In order for a bid to be considered responsive the bidder must meet these minimum prior experience requirements:

- **Two years of production felling and/or R-O-W clearing experience.**
  - **Experience may include work in commercial logging operations, commercial arboriculture, land clearing, or experience cutting/clearing R-O-W timber within or along powerlines and roadways.**

A bidder's failure to meet these minimum prior experience requirements will cause their bid to be considered non-responsive and rejected.

### SEC. 1.05 REQUIRED REVIEW

Bidders shall carefully review this ITB for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments concerning defects and questionable or objectionable material in the ITB should be made in writing and received by the procurement officer at least ten days before the deadline for receipt of bids. This will allow time for an amendment to be issued if one is required. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective bid, upon which award cannot be made, and the resultant exposure of bidders' prices.

**SEC. 1.06 QUESTIONS PRIOR TO DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS**

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 ITB. These questions may be answered over the telephone. Other questions may be more complex and may require a written amendment to the ITB. The procurement officer will make that decision. Deadline to receive questions is **DECEMBER 31, 2024**, by **2:00 PM** Alaska Time.

Procurement Officer: **MADelyn F. LOWE**  
Phone: **(907) 761-6357**  
Email: **madelyn.lowe@alaska.gov**

**SEC. 1.07 SITE INSPECTION**

Potential bidders are encouraged to visit the work site so that they can see the conditions under which the work described in this ITB will be performed. The bidder's failure to visit the work site will in no way relieve the bidder of the responsibility of performing the work in strict compliance with the true intent and meaning of the terms, conditions, and specifications of this ITB. See attached maps for project location.

**SEC. 1.08 RETURN INSTRUCTIONS**

If submitting a bid via email, the Bid Schedule must be saved as a PDF document and emailed to **madelyn.lowe@alaska.gov**. The PDF document must be clearly labeled such as "Vendor A – Bid Schedule.pdf" (Vendor A is the name of the bidder). The email must contain the ITB 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 bid exceeds this size, the bid must be sent in multiple emails that are each less than 20 megabytes and each email must comply with the requirements described above.

Please note that email transmission is not instantaneous. Similar to sending a hard copy bid, if you are emailing your bid, the State recommends sending it enough ahead of time to ensure the email is delivered by the deadline for receipt of bid.

If submitting bids using U.S. mail, or delivery service, bidders must submit one hard copy of their bid, in writing, to the Procurement Officer in a sealed package. The sealed bid package must be addressed as follows:

Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Forestry & Fire Protection  
Attention: **MADelyn F. LOWE**  
Invitation to Bid (ITB) Number: **2025-1000-0222**  
ITB Title: DELTA RIVER WEST FUEL BREAK – PHASE 2  
101 Airport Road  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

It is the bidder's responsibility to contact the issuing agency at **1 (907) 761-6357** or **madelyn.lowe@alaska.gov** to confirm that the bid has been received. The State is not responsible for unreadable, corrupt, or missing attachments.

**SEC. 1.09 ENROLLMENT IN IRIS**

Bidders will be required to be enrolled in the State of Alaska’s Integrated Resource Information System (IRIS) database prior to the award of a contract resulting from this ITB. Enrollment can be done online at the following link: <https://iris-vss.alaska.gov>. Bidders who are not enrolled prior to the award of a contract will be notified by the Procurement Officer. Failure of a bidder to enroll in the IRIS database will delay award of the contract and may delay issuance of contract work.

**SEC. 1.10 ASSISTANCE TO BIDDERS WITH A DISABILITY**

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 Procurement Officer no later than ten days prior to the closing of the bid to make any necessary arrangements.

**SEC. 1.11 AMENDMENTS TO BIDS**

Amendments to or withdrawals of bids will only be allowed if acceptable requests are received prior to the deadline that is set for receipt of bids, in accordance with 2 AAC 12.140. No amendments or withdrawals will be accepted after the deadline unless the delay is due to an error of the contracting agency, in accordance with 2 AAC 12.160.

**SEC. 1.12 AMENDMENTS TO THE ITB**

If an amendment is issued before the deadline for receipt of bids, the amendment will be posted on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice (OPN) website. The link to the posting of the amendment will be provided to all who were notified of the ITB and to those who have registered with the procurement officer after receiving the ITB from the OPN.

**SEC. 1.13 ITB SCHEDULE**

The ITB schedule below 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 bids, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted accordingly. All times are Alaska Standard Time (AST).

ACTIVITY	TIME	DATE
Issue Date / ITB Released	N/A	<b>DECEMBER 18, 2024</b>
Deadline for Receipt of Questions	2:00 PM	<b>DECEMBER 31, 2024</b>
Deadline for Receipt of Bids / Bid Due Date	2:00 PM	<b>JANUARY 8, 2025</b>
ANTICIPATED Bid Evaluations Complete	WEEK OF	<b>JANUARY 8, 2025</b>
ANTICIPATED Notice of Intent to Award	WEEK OF	<b>JANUARY 8, 2025</b>
ANTICIPATED Contract Issued	WEEK OF	<b>JANUARY 13, 2025</b>

This ITB 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.

**SEC. 1.14 ALTERNATE BIDS**

Bidders may only submit one bid for evaluation. In accordance with 2 AAC 12.830 alternate bids (bids that offer something different than what is asked for) will be rejected.

**SEC. 1.15 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Provided a bid meets the requirements for a definite, firm, unqualified, and unconditional offer, the state reserves the right to request supplemental information from the bidder, after the bids have been opened, to ensure that the products or services offered completely meet the ITB requirements. The requirement for such supplemental information will be at the reasonable discretion of the state and may include the requirement that a bidder will provide a sample product(s) so that the state can make a first-hand examination and determination.

A bidder's failure to provide this supplemental information or the product sample(s), within the time set by the state, may cause the state to consider the offer non-responsive and reject the bid.

**SEC. 1.16 FIRM, UNQUALIFIED, AND UNCONDITIONAL OFFER**

To be responsive a bid must constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer to meet all the material terms of the ITB. Material terms are those that could affect the price, quantity, quality, or delivery. Also included as material terms are those which are clearly identified in the ITB, and which must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

## SECTION 2. SCOPE OF WORK AND CONTRACT INFORMATION

### SEC. 2.01 SCOPE OF WORK

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection requires the development of a 300-foot-wide fuel break located approximately two miles west of Delta Junction, Alaska. The successful contractor will provide all necessary equipment, qualified operators, transportation, and lodging to complete the project as outlined below.

The fuel break will be created by "roller-chopping," a process that involves crushing and chopping all brush, shrubs, and small trees within the designated area. Work will take place during the winter season. The contractor must ensure all work is performed in compliance with project specifications and standards.

### LOCATION AND ACCESS

The project site is located approximately two miles west of Delta Junction, Alaska, running adjacent to the Delta River in an east-west direction from the Delta River to Delta Creek, roughly parallel to Clear Creek. The total length of the project area is approximately 14.6 miles, encompassing a 300-foot-wide fuel break that spans 1,094.7 acres. The site largely follows an old dozer line that was established as a fire break during the 2019 Oregon Lakes Fire. The terrain is generally flat but includes sections along a bluff that will require careful consideration during treatment. Vegetation in the project area primarily consists of black spruce and mixed hardwood tree species under six inches in diameter and averaging less than 40 feet in height. The fuel break will treat both sides of the "road" where conditions permit, with the project boundaries clearly marked on the ground to guide operations. Interested parties can view the project location via the DOF GIS Fuels Reduction Analysis webapp at the following link: [DOF GIS Fuels Reduction Analysis WebApp](#)

Primary access to the project site will be via the winter ice bridge crossing the Delta River from Spengler Road, commonly referred to as the "Whitestone Crossing." On the west side of the Delta River at this crossing, there is a newly installed wood-decked bridge (see Attachment 5 for photos and map). **Heavy equipment over the weight of 10,000 pounds or any tracked equipment is prohibited from using this bridge.** Heavy or tracked equipment can navigate an alternative route across that branch of the river approximately 100 feet from where the bridge is installed or use a different access point. This crossing has historically experienced intermittent flooding during periods of prolonged winter warming and should be monitored for potential disruptions. The Contractor should plan for these conditions and ensure reliable access to the project area throughout the duration of the work. Furthermore, it is imperative to Whitestone community members and other local residents that their primary access route remains open and functional throughout the project and after it has concluded. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Project Manager, or the Area Forester of any damage incurred to the access roads during project activities. The Contractor bears full responsibility for repairing such damage, ensuring that all access roads are returned to their original or better condition at the conclusion of the project. Additionally, there may be alternative access at Remington Road in Delta Junction, this crossing is often installed by DOF and is primarily used to access timber harvest areas. Further information about the Remington access can be provided by the Project Manager or Area Forester on request.

**PROJECT DETAILS**

- The operational period for this project is during the winter season, from September 1st through April 30th, and is contingent on meeting a frost depth of at least one foot and a snow cover of at least six inches. Winter-only access and frozen ground conditions are critical to prevent uprooting plants, reduce soil compaction from heavy equipment, and increase the likelihood of breaking smaller diameter stems. Work dates may be adjusted or suspended if these conditions are no longer met.
- The 300-foot-wide linear fuel break units and boundaries will be marked and identified for the equipment operator by the DNR Project Manager either prior to or during treatment. Layout considerations are based on vegetative or timber type changes and proximity to the access road. Individual leave trees will be flagged to ensure they are avoided during treatment.
- Storage of fuel, oils, and other hazardous substances is strictly prohibited at the project site.
- All project operations must be conducted in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations, including the “Additional Logging Standards” (8 AAC 61.1060) outlined under O.S.H.A.

**CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- The contractor is responsible for road opening and any associated maintenance required to access the project site throughout the project timeframe.
- The contractor will provide all labor, maintenance, transportation, and lodging and per diem required.
- The contractor will provide transportation to and from the job site. All equipment used for this project must be clean, in good working condition, and inspected by the Northern Region Fuels Specialist, Area Forester or their designee before the start of operations.
- The contractor must adhere to identified project boundaries unless directed otherwise by the DNR Project Manager.
- The contractor is required to protect all survey monuments, stakes, and boundary markers within the project area. Any damages caused to these markers must be repaired by the contractor, including any necessary re-surveying.
- The contractor will submit a detailed operating plan to the Northern Region Fuels Specialist, Area Forester or their designee for approval prior to the commencement of work. This operating plan must include timelines, hours of operation, identified areas of concern, procedures for mitigating potential safety issues, a list of equipment (including weights and capacities), names of personnel working on the project, and contact information for operators.
- The contractor must provide equipment and operator(s) capable of performing the required project work efficiently and in accordance with all specifications and standards. The equipment must be capable of crushing, chopping, or breaking all shrub and tree stems greater than one inch in diameter without excessively exposing mineral soil or uprooting plants. A dozer-drawn roller chopper with protruding cutting blades must be used to break vegetation into pieces approximately two to four feet in length.
- The contractor is responsible for all equipment maintenance, repairs, and supplies (e.g., fuel, oil/grease, gear).
- No mechanical land clearing activities resulting in soil disturbance or fills in wetlands or waters are permissible. If soils are disturbed, the contractor shall assume responsibility and restore the site to the satisfaction of the Northern Region Fuels Specialist, Area Forester or designee.

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

### Drum "Roller Chopper"

- Width: 14.5 feet
- Weight: 46,000 lbs. (fully loaded with glycol)
- The roller chopper must be operated fully loaded to ensure optimal performance in crushing and chopping vegetation.

### Dozer (for pulling the roller chopper)

- Minimum Size: D8 or larger
- Weight: 86,000 lbs. or greater
- Blade Width: 15 feet
- The dozer must have sufficient power to pull the roller chopper effectively while also being capable of pushing down trees ahead of the roller chopper to facilitate efficient operations.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Project operations will adhere to the “best management standards” outlined in the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Regulations. Operations must be conducted in a manner that minimizes impacts to forest soils, surface waters, and lowland muskegs.
- All trails and roads used during the project will be maintained to minimize surface erosion. Upon completion of the project, any existing trails or roads utilized must be left in a condition that is “as good or better” than their preoperational state.
- The project area must remain free of litter, garbage, trash, and other waste materials at all times.
- All equipment must be in good working condition and will be inspected prior to the commencement of operations. Equipment must arrive at the project site clean and free of invasive plant parts and seeds. Equipment leaking hazardous fluids is prohibited on the project site.
- The contractor must have adequate spill response equipment on hand to contain any hazardous spills. Any spill must be reported immediately to the Northern Region Fuels Specialist or Area Forester and, as required by law, to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The contractor is responsible for cleaning up spills unless directed otherwise by the DEC and must remove hazardous materials from the project area. The storage of hazardous materials is not permitted on State of Alaska lands.
- The contractor must avoid damaging gravel roads, access roads, and the winter crossing of the Delta River, particularly during periods when the road surface is thawed. Care must also be taken to prevent damage to culverts, bridges, and drainage structures. Any damage caused must be repaired by the contractor at their own expense.
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## PROBLEMS AND DISCREPANCIES

If at any time contract operations do not meet state standards, the problem or discrepancy will be brought to the attention of the Contractor. Upon such notice, the Contractor will take expedient actions to remedy the discrepancy to standards using methods identified by the state. Failure to correct operational problems in a timely manner will result in the immediate termination of the contractor on the project. The state will then determine if any fiscal compensation for work completed is appropriate for payment to the Contractor.

**SEC. 2.02 CONTRACT TERM**

The length of the contract will be from the date of award, for approximately **two years** until completion.

**SEC. 2.03 CONTRACT TYPE**

This contract is a firm fixed price contract.

**SEC. 2.04 PAYMENT FOR STATE PURCHASES**

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.

Payment for agreements under \$500,000 for the undisputed purchase of goods or services provided to a state agency, will be made within 30 days of the receipt of a proper billing or the delivery of the goods or services to the location(s) specified in the agreement, whichever is later. A late payment is subject to 1.5% interest per month on the unpaid balance. Interest will not be paid if there is a dispute or if there is an agreement that establishes a lower interest rate or precludes the charging of interest.

**SEC. 2.05 ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS**

The State of Alaska prefers vendors receive payment via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Bidders may review information concerning the EFT process and access the [Electronic Payment Agreement Form for Vendors](https://doa.alaska.gov/dof/vendor.html) at the following link: <https://doa.alaska.gov/dof/vendor.html>. Method of payment is not a factor in the State's determination for award.

Any single contract payments of \$1 million or higher must be accepted by the contractor via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

**SEC. 2.06 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of this contract is the responsibility of the procurement officer or person appointed by the Department of **NATURAL RESOURCES**, Division of **FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION**.

**SEC. 2.07 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE LOCATION**

By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States.

If the bidder cannot certify that all work will be performed in the United States, the bidder must contact the procurement officer in writing to request a waiver at least 10 days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

The request must include a detailed description of the portion of work that will be performed outside the United States, where, by whom, and the reason the waiver is necessary.

Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive or cancel the contract.

**SEC. 2.08 THIRD-PARTY FINANCING AGREEMENTS NOT ALLOWED**

Because of the additional administrative and accounting time required of the state when third party financing agreements are permitted, they will not be allowed under this contract.

**SEC. 2.09 SUBCONTRACTORS**

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

Subcontractor experience **SHALL** be considered in determining whether the bidder meets the requirements set forth in **SEC. 2.01 PRIOR EXPERIENCE**.

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

- complete name of the subcontractor;
- complete address of the subcontractor;
- type of work the subcontractor will be performing;
- percentage of work the subcontractor will be providing;
- evidence that the subcontractor holds a valid Alaska business license; and
- a written statement signed by each proposed subcontractor that clearly verifies that the subcontractor is committed to render the services required by the contract.

A bidder's failure to provide this information, within the time set, may cause the state to consider their bid non-responsive and reject it.

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

**SEC. 2.10 JOINT VENTURES**

Joint ventures will not be allowed.

**SEC. 2.11 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.

**SEC. 2.12 INSPECTION & MODIFICATION - REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNACCEPTABLE DELIVERABLES**

The contractor is responsible for providing all products or the completion of all work set out in the contract. All products or work is subject to inspection, evaluation, and approval by the state. The state may employ all reasonable means to ensure that the work is progressing and being performed in compliance with the contract. The state may instruct the contractor to make corrections or modifications if needed in order 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 products or work received) and may seek associated damages.

**SEC. 2.13 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Equipment offered (including for lease) may be subject to inspection and approval by the state prior to the award of the ITB. The equipment and attachments must be in good repair and capable of performing the work for which they were designed.

**SEC. 2.14 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 state 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 procurement officer has secured required state approvals necessary and issued a written contract amendment.

**SEC. 2.15 CONTINUING OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR**

Notwithstanding the expiration date of a contract resulting from this ITB, the contractor is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities until warranty, guarantee, maintenance, and parts availability requirements have completely expired.

**SEC. 2.16 BILLING INSTRUCTIONS**

All invoices produced by the contractor must contain the following information at a minimum:

1. **CONTRACT NUMBER AND TITLE;**
2. **IDENTIFICATION OF BILLING PERIOD;**
3. **ITEMIZED LIST OF DELIVERABLES AND CHARGES FOR INVOICED PERIOD;**
4. **TOTAL AMOUNT BILLED;**
5. **DATE INVOICE SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT;**
6. **ENTITY NAME, CONTACT INFORMATION, AND ALASKA VENDOR NUMBER.**

Invoices must be billed to the ordering agency's address shown on the individual Purchase Order, Contract Award or Delivery Order. The state will make payment after it receives the goods or services and the invoice. Questions concerning payment must be addressed to the ordering agency.

**SEC. 2.17 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 connection with this contract, or acquired, obtained or learned by 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.).

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.

## SEC. 2.18 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 contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the contractor and the independent negligence of the contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis.

“Contractor” and “contracting agency”, as used within this 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.

## SEC. 2.19 INSURANCE

Without limiting the contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that the 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 procurement officer prior to contract approval 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.

### Proof of insurance is required for the following:

- 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.
- 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 occurrence.
- 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 occurrence.

## SECTION 3. BID FORMAT AND CONTENT

### SEC. 3.01 BID FORMS

Bidders shall use the front page of this ITB, the Bid Submission Cover Sheet, and any other forms identified in this ITB for submitting bids. All bids must be signed by an individual authorized to bind the bidder to the provisions of the ITB.

#### BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

By signature on the bid, the bidder certifies that they comply with the following:

- B. the laws of the State of Alaska;
- C. the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- D. the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government;
- E. the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the state and federal government and certifies that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public on behalf of the State under a contract resulting from this solicitation comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 28 CFR, Part 35, Subpart B 35.130;
- F. all terms and conditions set out in this ITB;
- G. the price(s) submitted was arrived at independently arrived and without collusion, under penalty of perjury; and
- H. that the bid will remain open and valid for at least 90 days.

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

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Each bid shall include a statement indicating whether the company 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 procurement officer reserves the right to **consider a bid 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 contract to be performed by the bidder.

### SEC. 3.02 PRICES

The bidder shall state prices in the units of issue on this ITB. Prices quoted in bids must be exclusive of federal, state, and local taxes. If the bidder believes that certain taxes are payable by the state, the bidder may list such taxes separately, directly below the bid price for the affected item.

## SECTION 4. EVALUATION AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

### SEC. 4.01 EVALUATION OF BIDS

After bid opening, the procurement officer will evaluate the bids for responsiveness. Bids deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration. An evaluation may not be based on discrimination due the race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, disability, or political affiliation of the bidder.

### SEC. 4.02 APPLICATION OF PREFERENCES

Certain preferences apply to all state contracts, regardless of their dollar value. The Alaska Bidder and Alaska Veteran preferences are the most common preferences involved in the ITB 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 following website:

<https://oppm.doa.alaska.gov/policy-oversight/policy-resources/user-guide-matrixes/>

- Alaska Military Skills Program Preference – AS 36.30.321(I)
- 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)

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. Bidders must attach a copy of their certification letter to the proposal. **A bidder's failure to provide this certification letter with their proposal will cause the state to disallow the preference.**

**SEC. 4.03 ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE**

An Alaska Bidder Preference of 5% will be applied to the total bid price. The preference will be given to a bidder who:

- 1) holds a current Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of bids;
- 2) submits a bid for goods or services under the name appearing on the bidder's current Alaska business license;
- 3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder, or an employee of the bidder, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid;
- 4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company (LLC) organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and
- 5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1)-(4) of this subsection.

**Alaska Bidder Preference Certification Form**

To receive the Alaska Bidder Preference, the bid must include the Alaska Bidder Preference Certification Form attached to this ITB. A bidder does not need to complete the Alaska Veteran Preference questions on the form if not claiming the Alaska Veteran Preference. A bidder's failure to provide this completed form with their bid will cause the state to disallow the preference.

**SEC. 4.04 ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE**

An Alaska Veteran Preference of 5%, not to exceed \$5,000, will be applied to the total bid price. The preference will be given to a bidder who qualifies under AS 36.30.990(2) as an Alaska Bidder and is a:

- a) sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran;
- b) partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans;
- c) limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or
- d) corporation that is wholly owned by individuals, and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans.

In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), the bidder must also add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other government, or the general public.

**Alaska Veteran Preference Certification**

To receive the Alaska Veteran Preference, the bid must include the Alaska Bidder Preference Certification Form attached to this ITB. A bidder's failure to provide this completed form with their bid will cause the state to disallow the preference.

**SEC. 4.05 ALASKA MILITARY SKILLS PROGRAM PREFERENCE**

An Alaska Military Skills Program Preference of 2%, not to exceed \$5,000, will be applied to the price in the proposal. The preference will be given to an offeror who qualifies under AS 36.30.990(2) as an Alaska bidder and:

- a) Employs at least one person who is currently enrolled in, or within the previous two years graduated from, a United States Department of Defense SkillBridge or United States Army career skills program for service members or spouses of service members that offers civilian work experience through specific industry training, pre-apprenticeships, registered apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days before a service member separates or retires from the service; or
- b) has an active partnership with an entity that employs an apprentice through a program described above.

In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), the bidder must also add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other government, or the general public.

**Alaska Military Skills Program Preference Certification**

In order to receive the Alaska Military Skills Program Preference, the bid must include the Alaska Bidder Preference Certification Form attached to this ITB. A bidder's failure to provide this completed form with their bid will cause the state to disallow the preference.

In addition, proof of graduation of the qualifying employee from an eligible program as described in AS 36.30.321(l) must be provided to the Procurement Officer at time of bid submission. Bidders must provide clarification or additional information requested by the Procurement Officer related to the preference not later than 5:00 PM Alaska Time one (1) business day following the date of the request. Failure to provide sufficient documentation will result in the bidder not receiving the Military Skills Program Preference.

**SEC. 4.06 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PREFERENCE**

If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference and is offering goods or services through an employment program as defined under AS 36.30.990(12), an Employment Program Preference of 15% will be applied to the total bid price.

In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), the bidder must also add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other government, or the general public.

**SEC. 4.07 ALASKANS WITH DISABILITIES PREFERENCE**

If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference and is a qualifying entity as defined in AS 36.30.321(d), an Alaskans with Disabilities Preference of 10% will be applied to the total bid price.

In accordance with AS 36.30.321(i), the bidder must also add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other government, or the general public.

**SEC. 4.08 PREFERENCE QUALIFICATION LETTER**

Regarding the Employment Program Preference and the Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development maintains lists companies who qualify for those preferences. As evidence of a company's right to the preferences, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will issue a certification letter. To take advantage of the preferences, a bidder must be on the appropriate Division of Vocational Rehabilitation list at the time the bid is opened and must attach a copy of their certification letter to their bid. The bidder's failure to provide this certification letter with their bid will cause the state to disallow the preference.

**SEC. 4.09 EXTENSION OF PRICES**

In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern; in a lot bid, the lot prices will govern.

**SEC. 4.10 METHOD OF AWARD**

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be considered responsive, bidders must bid on all items.

**SEC. 4.11 NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD**

After the responses to this ITB have been opened and evaluated, a tabulation of the bids will be prepared. This tabulation, called a Notice of Intent to Award, serves two purposes. It lists the name of each company or person that offered a bid and the price they bid. It also provides notice of the state's intent to award a contract(s) to the bidder(s) indicated. A copy of the Notice of Intent will be sent to each company or person who responded to the ITB. Bidders identified as the apparent low responsive bidders are instructed not to proceed until a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice is given by the procurement officer. A company or person who proceeds prior to receiving a Purchase Order, Contract Award, Lease, or some other form of written notice from the procurement officer does so without a contract and at their own risk.

## SECTION 5. GENERAL PROCESS AND LEGAL INFORMATION

### SEC. 5.01 INFORMAL DEBRIEFING

When the contract is completed, an informal debriefing may be performed at the discretion of the procurement officer. If performed, the scope of the debriefing will be limited to the products provided or work performed by the contractor.

### SEC. 5.02 ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE AND OTHER REQUIRED LICENSES

Prior to the award of a contract, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license. However, to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and other related preferences, such as the Alaska Veteran Preference and Alaskans with Disabilities Preference, a bidder must hold a valid Alaska business license prior to the deadline for receipt of bids. Bidders 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 bidder possesses a valid Alaska business license may consist of any one of the following:

- copy of an Alaska business license,
- certification on the bid that the bidder has a valid Alaska business license and has included the license number in the bid,
- a canceled check for the Alaska business license fee,
- a copy of the Alaska business license application with a receipt stamp from the state's occupational licensing office, or
- a sworn and notarized statement that the bidder has applied and paid for the Alaska business license.

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

- fisheries business licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue or Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
- liquor licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue for alcohol sales only,
- insurance licenses issued by Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, or
- Mining licenses issued by Alaska Department of Revenue.

Prior the deadline for receipt of bids, all bidders must hold any other necessary applicable professional licenses required by Alaska Statute.

### SEC. 5.03 AUTHORITY

This ITB is written in accordance with AS 36.30 and 2 AAC 12.

### SEC. 5.04 COMPLIANCE

In the performance of a contract that results from this ITB, the contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and borough regulations, codes, and laws; be liable for all required insurance, licenses, permits and bonds; and pay all applicable federal, state, and borough taxes.

**SEC. 5.05 SUITABLE MATERIALS, ETC.**

Unless otherwise specified in this ITB, all materials, supplies or equipment offered by a bidder shall be new, unused, and of the latest edition, version, model, or crop and of recent manufacture.

**SEC. 5.06 SPECIFICATIONS**

Unless otherwise specified in this ITB, product brand names or model numbers specified in this ITB are examples of the type and quality of product required and are not statements of preference. If the specifications describing an item conflict with a brand name or model number describing the item, the specifications govern. Reference to brand name or number does not preclude an offer of a comparable or better product, if full specifications and descriptive literature are provided for the product. Failure to provide such specifications and descriptive literature may be cause for rejection of the offer.

**SEC. 5.07 ITEM UPGRADES**

The state reserves the right to accept upgrades to models on the basic contract when the upgrades improve the way the equipment operates or improve the accuracy of the equipment. Such upgraded items must be at the same price as the items in the basic contract.

**SEC. 5.08 WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS**

All work must be performed in a thorough and workmanlike manner and in accordance with current industry practices. The contractor will be held responsible for the quality of the service, maintenance, and inspections. Service, maintenance, and inspections that are improperly done will be redone, by the contractor, at the contractor's risk and expense.

**SEC. 5.09 CONTRACTOR SITE INSPECTION**

The state may conduct on-site visits to evaluate the bidder's capacity to perform the contract. A bidder must agree, at risk of being found non-responsive and having its bid 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.

**SEC. 5.10 ORDER DOCUMENTS**

Except as specifically allowed under this ITB, an ordering agency will not sign any vendor contract. The state is not bound by a vendor contract signed by a person who is not specifically authorized to sign for the state under this ITB. Unless otherwise specified in this ITB, the State of Alaska Purchase Order, Contract Award and Delivery Order are the only order documents that may be used to place orders against the contract(s) resulting from this ITB.

**SEC. 5.11 HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that the bidder 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: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/>

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive or cancel the contract.

**SEC. 5.12 RIGHT OF REJECTION**

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

Bidders may not qualify the bid nor restrict the rights of the state. If a bidder does so, the procurement officer may determine the bid to be a non-responsive counteroffer and the bid may be rejected.

Minor informalities that:

- do not affect responsiveness,
- are merely a matter of form or format,
- do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other bidders,
- do not change the meaning or scope of the ITB,
- are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature,
- do not reflect a material change in the work, or
- 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 is determined to be in the state’s best interest.

**A bid from a debarred or suspended bidder shall be rejected.**

**SEC. 5.13 STATE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION COSTS**

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

**SEC. 5.14 DISCLOSURE OF BID CONTENTS**

All bid prices become public information at the bid opening. After the deadline for receipt of bids, all other bid 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 other bid information will be held in confidence during the evaluation process and prior to the time a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Thereafter, bids will become public information.

The Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM), or their designee recognizes that some information a bidder submits might be confidential under the United States or the State of Alaska Constitution, a federal statute or regulation, or a State of Alaska statute: i.e., might be confidential business information (CBI). *See, e.g.*, article 1, section 1 of the Alaska Constitution; AS 45.50.910 – 45.50.945 (the Alaska Uniform Trade Secrets Act); *DNR v. Arctic Slope Regional Corp.*, 834 P.2d 134, 137-39 (Alaska 1991). For OPPM or their designee to treat information a bidder submits with its bid as CBI, the bidder must do the following when submitting their bid: (1) mark the specific information it asserts is CBI; and (2) for each discrete set of such information, identify, in writing, each authority the bidder asserts make the information CBI. If the bidder does not do these things, the information will become public after the Notice of Intent to Award is issued. If the bidder does these things, OPPM or their designee will evaluate the bidder's assertion upon receiving a request for the information. If OPPM or their designee reject the assertion, they will, to the extent permitted by federal and State of Alaska law, undertake reasonable measures to give the bidder an opportunity to object to the disclosure of the information.

**SEC. 5.15 ASSIGNMENTS**

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. Bids that are conditioned upon the state's approval of an assignment will be rejected as non-responsive.

**SEC. 5.16 FORCE MAJEURE (IMPOSSIBILITY TO PERFORM)**

The parties to a contract resulting from this ITB are not liable for the consequences of any failure to perform, or default in performing, any of its obligations under the contract, 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 ITB, 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.

**SEC. 5.17 DEFAULT**

In case of default by the contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the state may procure the goods or services from another source and hold the contractor responsible for any resulting excess cost and may seek other remedies under law or equity.

**SEC. 5.18 DISPUTES**

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 – AS 36.30.632.

**SEC. 5.19 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of the contract or agreement is found to be invalid or 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.

**SEC. 5.20 CONTRACT CANCELLATION**

- 1) The state reserves the right to cancel the contract at its convenience upon 30 calendar days written notice to the contractor. The state is only liable for payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for supplies or services provide before the effective date termination.
- 2) By signature on their bid, the bidder certifies that they will not support or participate in a boycott of the State of Israel. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the state to reject the bid as non-responsive or cancel the contract.

**SEC. 5.21 GOVERNING LAW; FORUM SELECTION**

A contract resulting from this ITB is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. To the extent not otherwise governed by Section 5.15 of this ITB, any claim concerning the contract shall be brought only in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska and not elsewhere.

**SEC. 5.22 QUALIFIED BIDDERS**

Per 2 AAC 12.875, unless provided for otherwise in the ITB, to qualify as a bidder for award of a contract issued under AS 36.30, the bidder must:

- 1) Add value in the contract by actually performing, controlling, managing, or supervising the services to be provided;  
or
- 2) Be in the business of selling and have actually sold on a regular basis the supplies that are the subject of the ITB.

If the bidder leases services or supplies or acts as a broker or agency in providing the services or supplies to meet these requirements, the procurement officer may not accept the bidder as a qualified bidder under AS 36.30.

**SEC. 5.23 FEDERALLY IMPOSED TARIFFS**

Changes in price (increase or decrease) resulting directly from a new or updated federal tariff, excise tax, or duty, imposed after contract award may be adjusted during the contract period or before delivery into the United States via contract amendment.

- **Notification of Changes:** The contractor must promptly notify the procurement officer in writing of any new, increased, or decreased federal excise tax or duty that may result in either an increase or decrease in the contract price and shall take appropriate action as directed by the procurement officer.
- **After-imposed or Increased Taxes and Duties:** Any federal excise tax or duty for goods or services covered by this contract that was exempted or excluded on the contract award date but later imposed on the contractor during the contract period, as the result of legislative, judicial, or administrative action may result in a price increase provided:
  - a) The tax or duty takes effect after the contract award date and isn't otherwise addressed by the contract.
  - b) The contractor warrants, in writing, that no amount of the newly imposed federal excise tax or duty or rate increase was included in the contract price, as a contingency or otherwise.
- **After-relieved or Decreased Taxes and Duties:** The contract price shall be decreased by the amount of any decrease in federal excise tax or duty for goods or services under the contract, except social security or other employment [taxes](#), that the contractor is required to pay or bear, or does not obtain a refund of, through the contractor's fault, negligence, or failure to follow instructions of the procurement officer.
- **State's Ability to Make Changes:** The state reserves the right to request verification of federal excise tax or duty amounts on goods or services covered by this contract and increase or decrease the contract price accordingly.
- **Price Change Threshold:** No adjustment shall be made in the contract price under this clause unless the amount of the adjustment exceeds \$250.

**SEC. 5.24 PROTEST**

AS 36.30.560 provides that an interested party may protest the content of the ITB.

An interested party is defined in 2 AAC 12.990(a) (7) as "an actual or prospective bidder or bidder 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 prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.

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 a bidder 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 bid to have sufficient standing to protest the proposed award of a contract. Protests must include the following information:

- the name, address, and telephone number of the protester,
- the signature of the protester or the protester's representative,
- identification of the contracting agency and the solicitation or contract at issue,
- 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 bidders 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."

## **SECTION 6. ATTACHMENTS**

### **SEC. 6.01 ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachments:**

- 1) ITB Cover Submittal Form
- 2) Appendix B<sup>1</sup> Indemnity and Insurance
- 3) Bid Schedule
- 4) Fuel Break Map
- 5) Whitestone Crossing Bridge

**ATTACHMENT 1  
BID SUBMISSION COVER SHEET**

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

ITB NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIDDER INFORMATION**

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX ID: \_\_\_\_\_

ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Provide contact information for the individual that can be contacted for clarification regarding this bid:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The bidder acknowledges receipt of the following amendments and has incorporated the requirements of such amendments into their bid. Failure to identify and sign for all amendments may subject the bidder to disqualification. The bidder must list all amendments (by number), then initial and date to confirm that you have received and incorporated them into your bid (add more rows as necessary).

Number	Initials & Date

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

N o	Criteria	Response*
1	The bidder is presently engaged in the business of providing the products and/or services required in this ITB.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2	The bidder confirms that it has the financial strength to provide and/or perform and maintain the services required under this ITB.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3	The bidder accepts the terms and conditions set out in the ITB and agrees not to restrict the rights of the state.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
4	The bidder confirms that they can obtain and maintain all necessary insurance as required on this project.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
5	The bidder certifies that all services provided under this contract by the contractor and all subcontractors shall be performed in the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
6	The bidder 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.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7	The bidder complies with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
8	The bidder complies with the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued thereunder by the federal government.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
9	The bidder complies with the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
10	The bidder can provide (if requested) financial records for the organization for the past three years.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
11	The bidder has not had any contracts terminated by the State of Alaska (within the past five years).	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
12	The bidder certifies that it is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for award by any public or federal entity.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
13	The offeror certifies that they will not support or participate in a boycott of Israel. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause the state to reject the proposal as non-responsive or cancel the contract.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
14	The bidder certifies that they do not have any governmental or regulatory action against their organization that might have a bearing on their ability to provide products and/or services to the State.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
15	The bidder certifies, within the last five years, they have not been convicted or had judgment rendered against them for: fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, false statements, or tax evasion.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
16	The bidder does not have any judgments, claims, arbitrations or suits pending/outstanding against your company in which an adverse outcome would be material to the company.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
17	The bidder is not (now or in the past) been involved in bankruptcy or reorganized proceeding.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
18	The bidder certifies they comply with the laws of the State of Alaska.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
19	The bidder confirms their bid will remain valid and open for at least 90 days.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

\* Failure to answer or answering “False” may be grounds for disqualification. For any “False” responses, provide clarification (up to 250 word maximum for each “False” clarification) below **(add rows as necessary)**.

Number	Clarification

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Indicate below whether or not the firm or any individuals that will work 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 procurement officer reserves the right to consider a bid 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 services to be provided by the bidder.

Does the bidder, or any individuals that will work on this contract, have a possible conflict of interest?

YES  NO

*\* Failure to answer may be grounds for disqualification.*

If “Yes”, please provide additional information regarding the nature of that conflict:

### ALASKA PREFERENCES

If you wish to claim any Alaska Preferences, please complete the Alaska Bidder Preference Certification Form that follows the below signature section.

### SIGNATURE

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

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION FORM

## AS 36.30.321 (A) / AS 36.30.990 (2)

<b>Solicitation Number</b>	
<b>Project Description</b>	
<b>Business Name</b>	
<b>Alaska Business License Number</b>	

A signed copy of this form must be included with your bid or proposal no later than the deadline set for receipt of bids or proposals.

**If the procuring agency is unable to verify a response, the preference may not be applied.** Knowingly or intentionally making false or misleading statements on this form, whether it succeeds in deceiving or misleading, constitutes misrepresentation per [AS 36.30.687](#) and may result in criminal penalties.

**SIGNATURE**

By signature below, I certify under penalty of law that I am an authorized representative of the above entity and all information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

<b>Printed Name:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	

<b>Alaska Bidder Preference:</b> Do you believe your firm qualifies for the Alaska Bidder Preference?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Alaska Veterans Preference:</b> Do you believe your firm qualifies for the Alaska Veteran Preference?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Alaska Military Skills Program Preference:</b> Do you believe your firm qualifies for the Alaska Military Skills Program Preference?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

To qualify for and claim the **Alaska Bidder Preference** you must answer **YES** to all questions in the Alaska Bidder Preference Question section below:

### Alaska Bidder Preference Questions

1	Does your business hold a current Alaska business license per AS 36.30.990(2)(A)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2	Is your business submitting a bid or proposal under the name appearing on the Alaska Business license identified above? Per AS36.30.990 (2)(B)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Has your business maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder or offeror or an employee of the bidder or offeror for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid or proposal per AS 36.30.990 (2)(C)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Per AS 16.05.415(a) per 2AAC 12.990(b)(7), the bidder or offeror, or at least one employee of the bidder or offeror must be a resident of the state?**

1	Do you certify the bidder or offeror, or, at least one employee of the bidder or offeror is physically present in the state with the intent to remain in Alaska indefinitely and to make a home in the state per AS 16.05.415(a)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2	Do you certify the resident(s) used to meet this requirement has maintained a domicile in Alaska for the 12 months immediately preceding the deadline set for receipt of bids or proposals per AS 16.05.415(a)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Do you certify the resident(s) used to meet this requirement is only claiming residency in Alaska per AS 16.05.415(a)(3)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Alaska Veterans Preference Questions:

To qualify for and claim the Alaska Veteran Preference, you must answer **YES** to the below questions as well as answer **YES** to all the questions in the Alaska Bidders Preference section above.

**Per AS36.30.321(F), is your business:**

1	A sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2	A partnership under AS32.06 or AS32.11 and a majority of the members are Alaska veterans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3	A limited liability company organized under AS10.50 and a majority of the members are Alaska veterans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4	A corporation that is wholly owned by individuals, and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Per AS36.30.321(F)(3), an “Alaska veteran” is defined as an individual who:**

- A. Served in the:
  - a. Armed forces of the United States, including a reserve unit of the United States armed forces; or
  - b. Alaska Territorial Guard, The Alaska Army National Guard, the Alaska Air Nations Guards, or the Alaska Naval Militia; and,
- B. Was separated from services under a condition that was not dishonorable.

1	Do you certify the individual(s) indicated in items 1-4 above meet this definition and can provide documentation of their service and discharge if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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### Alaska Military Skills Program Preference Questions

To qualify for and claim the Alaska Military Skills Program Preference, you must answer **YES** to the below questions as well as answer **YES** to all the questions in the Alaska Bidder Preference section above.

**Per 36.30.321(I), does your business:**

1	Employ at least one person who is enrolled in, or within the past two years, graduated from, a United States Department of Defense SkillBridge or United States Army career skills program that offers civilian work experience through specific industry training, pre-apprenticeships, registered apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days before a service member separates or retires from the service; or during the last 180 days before a the person separates or retires from the service?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2	Have an active partnership with an entity that employs an apprentice through a program described in item 1 above?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Have proof of an employee's graduation or enrollment in a qualified program as described in 1. above?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**APPENDIX B<sup>1</sup>****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 contracting agency. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the contractor and the independent negligence of the contracting agency, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. “Contractor” and “contracting agency”, as used within this 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.

### ATTACHMENT 3 BID SCHEDULE

Bidders are to submit their bid using this Bid Schedule. Bidders that fail to complete this bid schedule shall be considered non-responsive and their bids rejected. Bid prices are to remain firm for the duration of the contract and are to include all costs associated with providing required services, including, but not limited to, direct expenses, payroll, supplies, equipment, overhead, and profit. The Total Cost shown on this form is the cost that will be used for evaluation and award purposes under this ITB.

#### 1. Questionnaire

1.	Do you meet the minimum prior experience identified in Sec.1.04?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
2.	Will subcontractors be used to complete greater than ½ of 1% of the contract value? (If “Yes”, bidder must complete subcontractor list below.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
3.	Do you have the required equipment available to complete the full scope of work described herein?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
4.	Describe the equipment you intend to use for this project:				
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Quan.</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>Size/Capacity</i>

#### 2. Subcontractor List (Use additional pages, as needed.)

	<i>Firm Name, Phone Number, Address</i>	<i>AK Business License No.</i>	<i>Scope of Work</i>	<i>% of Total Contract Value</i>
1.				
2.				
3.				

### 3. Bid

The Bidder shall insert, as called for, a lump sum price in figures opposite each pay item as it appears on the bid schedule. A lump sum price is not to be entered or tendered for any pay item not appearing in the bid schedule. Conditioned or qualified bids or a bidder's failure to provide pricing will be considered non-responsive.

	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>BID PRICE</i>
1.	Delta River West Fuel Break – Phase 2	\$
2.	<i>Company Name:</i>	
	<i>Authorized Representative's Printed Name:</i>	
	<i>Authorized Representative's Signature:</i>	
	<i>Date Bid Schedule Signed:</i>	

**ATTACHMENT 4  
FUEL BREAK MAP**



**ATTACHMENT 5  
WHITESTONE CROSSING BRIDGE**



