

# CITY OF NORTH POLE Alaska

# Work Session - 6:00 p.m. Health Care Renewal Update

# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, May 5, 2014

Committee of the Whole – 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**MAYOR** 

Bryce Ward 888-4444

**CITY CLERK** 

Kathy Weber, MMC 488-8583

# **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Michael Welch- Mayor Pro Tem	488-5834
Sharron Hunter- Dep Mayor Pro Tem	488-4282
Elizabeth Holm – <i>Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem</i>	488-6125
Kevin McCarthy-	590-0800
Thomas McGhee-	455-0010
Preston Smith -	488-8824

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag
  National Anthem sung by NPMS –
- 3. Invocation
- 4. Approval of the Agenda
- 5. Approval of the Minutes

# 6. Communications from the Mayor

# **Proclamations**

National Day of Prayer

- 7. Council Member Questions of the Mayor
- 8. Communications from Department Heads, Borough Representative and the City Clerk
- 9. Ongoing Projects Report
- 10. Citizens Comments (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen)

### 11. Old Business

a. Ordinance 14-05, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to engage USKH, Inc for \$19,710 to conduct a feasibility assessment of extension of the North Pole Municipal Water System to areas of the City above the groundwater contaminated sulfolane plume that do not have access to the municipal water system

### 12. New Business

- a. Renewal of the AW Rehn Health Insurance for the City of North Pole employees
- b. Request from North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce of bed tax from City of North Pole for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2014.
- c. Cooperative agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City Of North Pole, Alaska for the provision of law enforcement services
- d. Ordinance 14-06, An ordinance amending Title 1, Section 1.12.010, Altering Code
- e. Resolution 14-09, A Resolution supporting FMATS consideration of the North Pole intersection safety project
- f. Resolution 14-10, A Resolution supporting FMATS consideration of the streetlight standardization and improvement project in the City of North Pole

# 13. Council Comments

### 14. Adjournment

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# Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M. Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, April 21, 2014 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

# CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ward called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, April 21, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were present:

Absent/Excused

Ms. Holm

Ms. Hunter

Mr. McCarthy

Mr. McGhee

Mr. Smith

Mr. Welch

**Mayor Ward** 

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

Led by Mayor Ward

### **INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Holm

National Anthem sung by Lindsey Moison

# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. McGhee moved to Approve the Agenda of April 21, 2014

Seconded by Mr. Welch

### **Discussion**

None

### Mr. McGhee *moved to* consent item a under New Business:

- a. Request approval from Council to purchase Laserfiche software from eDocs Alaska with grant funding from State of Alaska, North Pole Archival System
- b. Ordinance 14-05, An Ordinance of the City of North Pole, Alaska to engage USKH, Inc for \$19,710 to conduct a feasibility assessment of extension of the North Pole Municipal

Water System to areas of the City above the groundwater contaminated sulfolane plume that do not have access to the municipal water system

# Seconded by Mr. Welch

# **Discussion**

None

On the amendment

### **PASSED**

YES – 7 –Smith, Holm, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Ward NO – 0 – Absent – 0 -

On the main motion as amended

# **PASSED**

 $\overline{\text{YES} - 7}$  –Smith, Holm, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Ward NO – 0 – Absent – 0 -

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Welch moved to Approve the minutes of April 7, 2014

Seconded by Mr. McGhee

# **Discussion**

None

# **PASSED**

YES – 7 –Smith, Holm, Hunter, McGhee, Welch, McCarthy, Ward NO – 0 – Absent – 0 -

# **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

### **Proclamations**

Lorna Ramert Shaw – 2014 UAF Business Leader of the Year

# **Student of the Month**

Katherine Carstensen-Zerbst - NPHS

The City is in need of volunteers for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic. If you are interested please call City Hall and sign up! The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm here at City Hall.

# **Mayor's Comments**

Flint Hills Resources has commissioned Information Insights to do an economic impact study to be able to quantify the effects of the shutdown of the refinery. I was interviewed last week and gave staff at Information Insights data on the financial and social impacts of the refinery shutting down for the City of North Pole.

The Economic Development Commission traveled to Healy last week to tour the coal mine and the GVEA coal power plants. All mayors are members of the commission and I was able to bring Councilman Welch with for the trip. The EDC has been working on a coal ash study to determine what to do with all of the coal ash from our many power plants and got a great lesson on how coal makes it from the ground into power for our lights and computers. Cory Borgeson with GVEA gave us the power plant tour and gave the group a synopsis for getting the 50 megawatt clean coal plant up and running.

I had a meeting with Congressman Don Young last week at the Flint Hills Refinery; Mayor Hopkins, Jeff Cook and Mike Brose were present. The congressman asked what can be done to save the refinery. The simple answer is that the refinery will no longer operate as such under ownership of Flint Hills. Flint Hills officials did state that they were shutting down the refinery in a manner so that it could be turned back on and that their intention is to sell it as a refinery. When asked if there were buyers it was stated that there were no legitimate offers on the table at this time. Issues that have the ability to affect the sale of the refinery are, cost of crude oil, cost associated with the quality bank, federal regulations and sulfolane clean-up.

The North Pole Lions have agreed to partner with the City of North Pole to host the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade this year. We look forward to partnership with the North Pole Lions.

Tomorrow is Earth Day and I will be at Ft. Wainwright to celebrate the City's and bases partnership to help make the earth a better place to live. The event will be held at the physical fitness center by the power plant from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

The City will be sending out postcards letting residents in affected subdivisions know of a resolution supporting a streetlight project that will come before the council on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There are several projects the City is looking at to nominate for FMATS projects and community support is key to a project scoring well. Some of the projects are as follows: Streetlights in Ford, Highway Park and Morning Star subdivisions as well as upgrades to the City core area. Improvements also include the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Santa Claus Lane intersection and the Richardson and NPHS boulevard- eight avenue intersection. I encourage residents to let us know your thoughts and if you support the city nominating these project.

The City of North Pole is also sending out a survey asking residents inside the sulfolane plume but outside of city boundaries if they are interested in a piped water system. Data collected will help determine the interest in a piped water system. If residents are interested in a piped water system we are asking if they would prefer a private system or a municipal system, which would require annexation to the City of North Pole. We have tentatively set a public hearing for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All comments must be submitted by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

# COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

Ms. Hunter asked if the Mayor had a chance to look at where the City's legal position might be if they wanted to prohibit panhandling.

Mayor Ward said that there was a discussion this past week. He said the challenge is that if the council wanted to do something along those lines it would negatively impact all the other things that go on out on the streets such as the high school students, Fill the Boot for the firefighters, and other issues that could come up by creating such an ordinance.

Ms. Hunter asked if there could be a permit that people could apply for.

Mayor Ward said that a permit has not been discussed but is something that could be discussed in the Dept. Head meeting.

Mr. Smith asked when Clean-up Day is scheduled.

Ms. Weber stated that she confirmed it with United Way and that the date set is Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

### Fire Department, Chief Lane

• None

### Police Department, Chief Dutra

- I attended the Spring Emergency Preparedness Conference in Anchorage.

  Costs were covered by State Alaska and the overall training was very informative. Some of the topics covered surrounding the process involved in a large scale disaster. How various agencies work with one another and the Galena tragedy was covered.
- Lt. Rathbun attended Law Enforcement Management Training. Learned a lot about liability and other trends in police liability.
- We have received our 65% plan preparation for Heating and Cooling. Proceeding along.
- We have ordered the vehicle from Cal Worthington for the SDEU Officer.
- National Drug take back is Saturday April 26 between 1000-1400. Please encourage everyone to come in and bring in their out date and unwanted drugs.

# Accountant, Lisa Vaughn

• City is doing well financially.

- Audit is going well. Auditors are located in Fairbanks so it is easier to get information to them.
- Auditors would like to talk with councilmembers and can set up appointments through Ms. Vaughn.

### **Director of City Services, Bill Butler**

# **Building Department**

- Designer for the McDonalds project stated intends to submit plans within the next several weeks for the complete remodel of the restaurant
- Issued a building permit for a remodel of a fire-damaged property on Park Way
- Projects to date have a combined value of approximately \$5 million

### **Public Works**

- DOT engineer delivered plan set for Saint Nicholas Drive pedestrian path
  - Project scheduled to start May 15 or earlier
  - Contractor may begin clearing brush prior to May 15

- Flower Club has volunteered to plant flowers in one of the roundabouts
- Capital Budget (as of 4/21/2014) includes two Public Works-related projects:
- \$72,000 for a skid steer loader for Public Works
- \$300,000 for redesign of City Hall and Police Station

# **Utility Department**

- Met with representatives from ADEC and DNR to discuss Compliance Order by Consent for sewer outfall
  - Director Division of Water and state attorney representing ADEC and DNR attended
  - ADEC and DNR will require Utility to conduct a feasibility study of a limited number of options to address loss of river flow at sewer outfall
  - First step, Utility will receive a Notice of Violation documenting Utility is not in compliance with its discharge permit because of the lack of a mixing zone for treated wastewater discharge
- Capital Budget (as of 4/21/2014) includes \$500,000 for addressing "Mixing Zone Compliance"

# **Natural Gas Utility Board**

- Interior Gas Utility is poised to move forward on design of gas utility
- Funding has begun to be released to IGU
- Unknowns by other parties affect how aggressively IGU can proceed
  - Liquefaction plant on the North Slope
  - Gas contract
  - Trucking of liquefied natural gas

Storage and gasification plant in Interior

# **Borough Representative, Mayor Ward**

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# **City Clerk**

- Reschedule for the i-pad class
- New file cabinets for the Clerk's office and the archive room have arrived. I will be working throughout the summer to update all the files.
- Clean up day will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kristen at United Way to receive your garbage bags and reserve an area to clean up. The number is 452-7211 ext. 102.
- Please let me know if there are any events that are up and coming so that I can put them on the Event Calendar on the City webpage.
- I will be stepping in for Lisa Vaughn the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> to do payroll for the City while she attends the AGFOA conference in Sitka. Please be patient as that is also a council meeting week and we will have a special meeting scheduled for that week too.

- Cruis'n with Santa will be held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. This is a car show, street fair, and fundraiser. There will be music, vendors, BBQ cook off, door prizes and burn outs.
- The polycom unit in the council chambers has been fixed and it was a connection problem with ACS technicians who disabled it for the Police Dept.
- Special thank you NPMS students and Ms. Nore for the wonderful students that come to every meeting to sing the National Anthem.

# ONGOING PROJECTS

None

# **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Dawn Murphy – Explore Fairbanks

- The audit for Explore Fairbanks is before Council tonight.
- Lisa Vaughn is on the Audit Committee.
- Invitation to banquet on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Walk for

# **OLD BUSINESS**

None

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Consent Agenda
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McCarthy – no comment

Mr. McGhee – be careful because the motor cycles are out now and not all of them have had training.

Mr. Welch - thanked the clerk for giving him a spot on the trip to Usibelli Coal Mine. It was an informative trip.

Ms. Holm - Good night

Ms. Hunter - attended the workshop at Santa Seniors on the AED. Capt Daniel was professional and informative. He was at the ASAU conference and help a woman who collapsed. He came to her rescue and was very professional until the ambulance arrived. It's

always nice to hear the nice things about our fire department. She said the weather is beautiful and encouraged everyone to enjoy it.

Mr. Smith – watch for all the children walking now that the weather is better.

Mayor Ward – tried to get financials emailed out to the council members. Great staff here at the City and if there is any way they can help let them know. There will be two resolutions on the next council meeting. One is a street light ordinance and there will be a notice sent out to ask community members what they think.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McGhee adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Welch

The regular meeting of April 21, 2014 adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, May 5, 2014.

	Bryce J. Ward, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Kathryn M. Weber, MMC		
Kathryn M. Weber, MMC North Pole City Clerk		



# CITY OF NORTH POLE Alaska

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, May 6, 2014

**Public Hearing on Providing Piped Water to Properties located in the Sulfolane Plume in North Pole** 

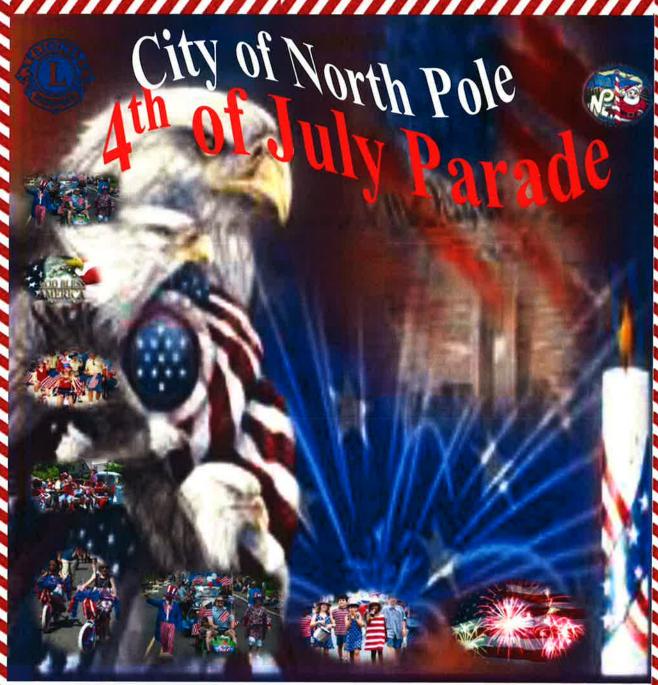
# Time – 6:00 p.m. North Pole City Hall

The City of North Pole is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 to accept public testimony about the provision of water services to properties located in the groundwater-contaminated sulfolane plume. The meeting will be held at the North Pole City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole. All individuals wishing to provide testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes. The meeting will run until all individuals wishing to offer testimony have had an opportunity to speak.

The North Pole City Council has established a series of official positions related to the groundwater-contaminated sulfolane plume in the vicinity of the City. The City's positions related to providing water services to properties located above the groundwater-contaminated sulfolane plume include the following:

- The City of North Pole public water system should be expanded to all properties, developed and undeveloped, within the City that are now located in the sulfolane plume or may be located in the sulfolane plume in the future.
- The City will not operate a public water system outside of the city boundaries
- The City will sell water to a business or other entity wishing to operate a utility outside the city boundaries
- The City will consider annexation of properties outside of the city boundaries located in the groundwater-contaminated sulfolane plume as a mechanism to extend the North Pole public utility to these properties

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**Proceeds Benefit Lions Eyeglass Recycling & Vision Center** 



VARIETY



SATURDAY

May 31, 2014

10 am - 6 pm

(Staging: 9 am)

# <u>It's a:</u>

- · Car Show
- · Street Fair
- Family Fun Event
- Fundraiser

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Meeting the Federal Mandate to Allow Continued Passenger Operations on the Alaska Railroad

# **Quarterly Progress Report April 15, 2014**



Northbound Denali Star passenger train meets the Southbound Freight at Willow. The freight is in Willow Siding, the Denali Star is on the Main Track, speed 60 mph.

This report covers the period: January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014



# **Project Summary**

There is a federal mandate to install Positive Train Control (PTC), an enhanced safety system to eliminate human factor errors for train and roadway worker operations on all railroads carrying passengers, including the Alaska Railroad (ARRC). PTC is a research and development project and is extremely expensive.

PTC was mandated by Congress in 2008, but ARRC has been working since 1996 to develop a PTC system. ARRC is facing a deadline of December 31, 2015 to complete the implementation of PTC. ARRC and most railroads in the lower 48 will not meet the 2015 deadline. However, we expect that ARRC will continue to make progress towards PTC implementation and will be allowed to continue passenger operations as long as we make a good faith effort towards implementation. Our budget and plan are based on full implementation by 2018.

The PTC System must reliably prevent the following:

- Train to train collisions.
- Overspeed derailments and incidents.
- Work zone incursions.
- Improper movements over switches and control points.



ARRC export coal train climbing to Grandview. This area requires significant communications systems to support PTC.

# The PTC System:

### There are 5 major segments to the system:

- Office Systems: Several sophisticated computer systems authorize and monitor all railroad movements. These systems are still in development, integration and testing phases.
- <u>Locomotive On Board Systems:</u> Computers, data radios and global positioning system (GPS) equipment will be placed on every locomotive and interfaced with the locomotive controls. If a locomotive engineer fails to perform safely, this system will warn the engineer and then proceed to stop the train. Fifty-four ARRC locomotives and cab control cars will need this equipment.



 <u>Wayside Systems:</u> Switches and signals will be monitored to ensure safe train movement. ARRC will have over 108 switches and 36 signal control points; each will need to communicate with every train or the PTC system will stop the train short of the switch or control point.

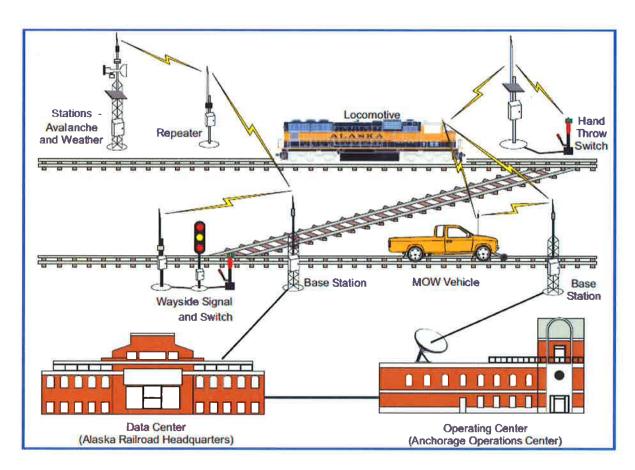


PTC wayside switch monitoring at Potter siding with antennas for GPS, train to wayside data radio, and office to field data radio. Note solar and wind power generation.

- <u>Communications Systems:</u> PTC requires an extensive, sophisticated communications network. A great deal of data must move over microwave and fiber backhaul networks and data radios between the Dispatch Office, the On-Board Systems, and the Wayside Systems.
- System Integration: All four segments are required to integrate in a fail-safe PTC system to eliminate human factor errors. Fail-safe means that if any human-factor failures are detected, the system will fail safely by sending a command to stop the train movements before an incident can occur. In addition to PTC operating in a fail-safe manner the system is mandated to be highly reliable.



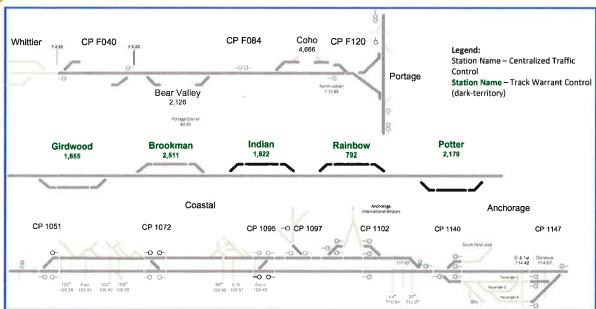
The following diagram illustrates the communication-based PTC system interacting with the various segments to allow for safe train movements and maintenance activities on the Alaska Railroad:



# **Implementation Strategy**

ARRC is implementing a PTC equipped test corridor between Anchorage and Whittier. This will enable testing of the individual PTC system segments and progress to functional testing in a manageable area prior to full deployment for all trains and railroad wayside switches and signals. The test corridor is shown in the graphic below. The corridor is expected to be ready for testing in mid/late 2014 and 2015.





Alaska Railroad "Test Corridor" with wayside locations indicated.

# **Current Status - Quarter Ending March 31, 2014**

- Wabtec was previously awarded a contract for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD).
  The lab where testing will be controlled, has integrated CAD, Back Office Server
  and Metercomm Interoperable Train Control Messaging Server to complete the
  PTC Office Segment. The Office Segment systems must be operational for the
  test corridor testing in 2014. Funding from the State of Alaska in FY 2014
  enabled ARRC to award this integration contract. The CAD system was placed
  in service on January 16, 2014.
- ARRC has upgraded and installed wayside and communications systems in the
  test corridor between Anchorage and Whittier. Ten manual switches now have
  all PTC required hardware in place. PTC software was tested for 95% of the
  locations in the test corridor and Test Plans are being created to invite FRA to
  witness the validation and verification of the wayside software.
- A contract was awarded in December to extend the ARRC wayside signal system 26 miles from Pittman to Kashwitna. This extension will be PTC compatible when completed in fall of 2014. The contractor is mobilizing and will begin field work in May.
- ARRC awarded a contract to Wabtec Global Services for \$1.6 million for the installation of PTC equipment and radios in all of ARRC's 54 locomotives and cab control equipment. Locomotive installation kits began shipping from the



vendor on December 30, 2013. Installation began on February 24, 2014 with five locomotives installed; completion is expected by the end of 2014.

- Engineering progressed for communication sites from Portage to Seward and Kashwitna to Hurricane.
- ARRC submitted the PTC Implementation Plan (PTCIP) requesting relief for equipping wayside equipment on 43 switches. This relief is based on the Limited Operations Exception rule.

# **Next Quarter Outlook**

Next quarter activities are planned to include:

- Complete field-testing PTC software at wayside locations in test corridor.
   Software to all wayside locations in the test corridor is validated and verified with Federal Railroad Administration witnessed testing.
- Continue to integrate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data into various PTC databases for the test corridor.
- Continue locomotive on-board equipment installations. This is expected to continue through fall 2014.
- Continue design and procurement activities for summer 2014 wayside construction projects.
- Continue to enhance the Computer-Aided Dispatch system with additional features needed for summer operations.
- Further develop Office Systems to implement key PTC functions for testing in 2014.
- Prepare FRA 2013 Annual Report based on the PTCIP awaiting approval.

# **Alaska Work Force** (this quarter)

# Alaska Railroad employees' full-time equivalents: 18 Alaskan companies providing services:

# **Suppliers**

•	Potelcom Supply Inc.: Communications supplies	Anchorage
•	Right Systems: Servers	Anchorage
•	Alaska Battery Mfg.: Batteries	Anchorage
•	Marsh Creek: Power systems and design	Anchorage
•	Airport Equipment Rentals: Equipment rental	Anchorage
•	Alpine Air Alaska: Transportation	Girdwood
•	American Power Systems: Electrical	Anchorage
•	Equipment Source Inc: Electrical	Anchorage
•	McGrady Steel and Supply: Electrical	Anchorage
•	Yukon Equipment: Equipment rental	Anchorage
•	AT&T Alaska: Communications	Anchorage
•	Alpine Meadows Apts: Lodging	Anchorage



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Cal Worthington Ford: Auto leasing	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Suburban Propane: Fuel</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Carlile Transportation: Trucking</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Peak Signals: Telecom upgrades</li> </ul>	Juneau
<ul> <li>New Horizons Telecom: Telecom upgrades</li> </ul>	Palmer
<ul> <li>R&amp;S Railworks: Track materials</li> </ul>	Healy
Chugach Electric Association: Power	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Matanuska Electric Association: Power</li> </ul>	Palmer
<ul> <li>Alaska Industrial Hardware: Tools/equip</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>NC Machinery: Equipment rentals</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Warning Lites Of Alaska: Traffic control</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>TRIJET Precision: Metal fabrication</li> </ul>	Palmer
<ul> <li>Statewide Mechanical: Locomotive PTC Install</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Alaska Communications: Communications</li> </ul>	Anchorage
Fastenal: Materials	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Fasteners and Fire Equipment: Materials</li> </ul>	Anchorage
Engineering	
<ul> <li>HDR Alaska: Engineering &amp; construction mgmt</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Shannon &amp; Wilson: Geotechnical services</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>MBA Consulting: Electrical eng'g services</li> </ul>	Anchorage
<ul> <li>Mullikin Surveys: Survey/Geomatics</li> </ul>	Homer
Professional Services	
JACS Consulting Services: Programming	Anchorage
Resource Data Inc.: Programming	Anchorage

# **Funding Summary**

through March 31, 2013	Federal Funds/ARRC	State FY 14 Funds	Total
Overall PTC Integration and			
Management	\$26,557,997	\$4,181,500	\$30,739,497
Office Segment	\$17,591,965	\$2,253,035	\$19,845,000
<b>Locomotive Segment</b>	\$3,663,749	\$3,813,210	\$7,476,959
<b>Communications Segment</b>	\$7,803,271	\$3,815,220	\$11,618,491
Wayside Device Monitoring	\$8,197,729	\$5,037,035	\$13,234,764
Total	\$63,814,711	\$19,100,000	\$82,914,711
Funds Committed	100%	59%	
Funds Spent	99%	24%	



# 2015 - 2018 PTC - Cash Flow Requirements (Unfunded)

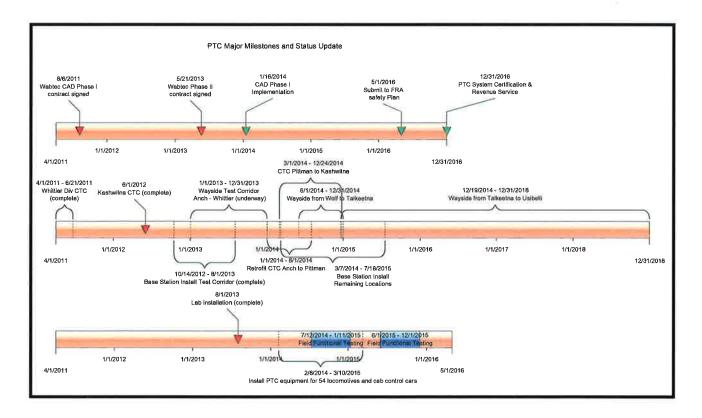
	2015		2016	2017	2018	Total
Office, Comm and Locomotive Segments	\$ 10,784,110	\$	7,717,322	\$ 5,756,240	\$ 4,556,240	\$28,813,912
Overall PTC Integration and Management	\$ 4,759,697	\$	4,267,322	\$ 3,106,240	\$ 2,906,240	\$15,039,499
Locomotive Segment	\$ 3,420,509	\$	800,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,820,509
Communications Segment	\$ 1,483,904	\$	1,300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 3,383,904
Office Segment	\$ 1,120,000	\$	1,350,000	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 4,570,000
Wayside Segment	\$ 9,414,400	\$	12,911,600	\$ 10,467,000	\$ 8,102,600	\$40,895,600
Monitoring CTC Signal and Switches	\$ 2,000,000	-				\$ 2,000,000
Dark Territory Manual Switch Monitoring	\$ 7,414,400	\$	12,911,600	\$ 10,467,000	\$ 8,102,600	\$38,895,600
Total Funds Required	\$ 20,198,510	\$	20,628,922	\$ 16,223,240	\$ 12,658,840	\$69,709,512

# **PTC Implementation Schedule**

Original Estimated PTC Implementation Date: Current Estimated PTC Implementation Date:

December 2018
December 2018

# **Project Milestones**





# **ARRC Project Staff**

# **Executive Sponsor:**

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# Northern Rail Extension Phase 1

# Tanana River Bridge Quarterly Progress Report April 15, 2014



Last bridge girder erected

This report covers the period: January 1, through March31, 2014

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# **Northern Rail Extension Phase 1**

# **Project Summary**

The Northern Rail Extension (NRE) project proposes to construct and operate an approximately 80-mile-long rail extension from Fairbanks to Delta Junction. The NRE project will begin at the existing rail line located on the Eielson Branch line at the Chena Overflow Bridge just south of the community of North Pole and be extended to the community of Delta Junction, with the ability to service Fort Greely.

The project phases are as listed:

- Phase 1: Bridge, approach road, and levee associated with the crossing of the Tanana River near Salcha. (Current Phase)
- Phase 2: Approximately 13 miles of rail from Fairbanks to the Tanana River crossing.
- Phase 3: Approximately 30 miles of rail from the west side of the Tanana River crossing to the Tanana Flats Training Area,
- Phase 4: Approximately 38 miles of rail between the Tanana Flats Training Area and Delta Junction.

# **Current Status**

- Removal of temporary access (Causeway) completed.
- Bridge bolting initiated.
- Received Corp of Engineers permits allowing access to complete remaining project scope items on military lands.
- Demobilized equipment that is no longer needed.

# **Next Quarter Outlook**

Second guarter 2014 activities will include:

- Construct approach embankment to bridge north bank.
- Complete distribution of riprap on spur dikes 1 and 2.
- Build temporary access across Boundary and Beebee sloughs
- Construct spur dike 3 and embankment on military lands
- Complete bolting on new bridge

# Northern Rail Extension Phase 1 <u>Safety</u>

Incidents this Quarter

176 Injury Free Days

Total incidents to date\*

\*There have been no major incidents on the project.

# Alaska Work Force (this quarter)

33 Total Manpower on Site

Alaskan Manpower on Site

100% Alaskans employed on-site this Quarter

# Alaskan Companies providing services: Construction

No subcontractors performed work this quarter.

### Engineering

HDR Alaska: Contract Management / Engineering
 Hanson Alaska: Bridge Engineering
 Shannon and Wilson: Geotechnical Engineering
 PDC, Inc.: Survey
 MAPPA: Testing Services

Anchorage
Anchorage
Fairbanks
Fairbanks
Fairbanks

# **Northern Rail Extension Phase 1**

 Community meeting held January 28 to discuss requirements to establish a Tom Bear "Service District".

# <u>Funding</u>

	Spent FRA	Re	Remaining Spent State Funds			Remaining tate Funds	Total		
Engineering, Design, Permitting	\$ 13,546,313	\$	(#)	\$	1,477,572	\$	2,476,115	\$	17,500,000
Right-of-Way	\$ 635,384	\$	888	\$	505,920	\$		\$	1,141,304
Construction Administration	\$ 3,669,738	\$		\$	6,866,533	\$	728,345	\$	11,264,616
ARRC Contingency	\$ -	\$	7,54	\$	57.1	\$	3,207,461	\$	3,207,461
Construction Contract	\$ 86,348,565	\$	Ħ	\$	54,095,370	\$	14,642,684	\$	155,086,619
Total	\$ 104,200,000	\$	3,5	\$	62,945,395	\$2	21,054,605	\$	188,200,000

# **Schedule**

Original Estimated Schedule completion Date:

August 2014

Current Estimated Schedule completion Date:

August 2014

# **Project Milestones**

Major Project Mi	lestones	
	Date	Status
Final Design and Permits	July-11	Complete
Construction Contract	July-11	Complete
Office Complex & Staging Area	November-11	Complete
Utility Relocation	November-11	Complete
North Bank Levee	July-12	Complete
South Bank Spur Dikes	July-14	
Bridge Sub-Structure	March-14	Complete
Bridge Super-Structure	March-14	Complete

# Northern Rail Extension Phase 1

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# **MEGA PROJECT REPORT:** APRIL 29, 2014



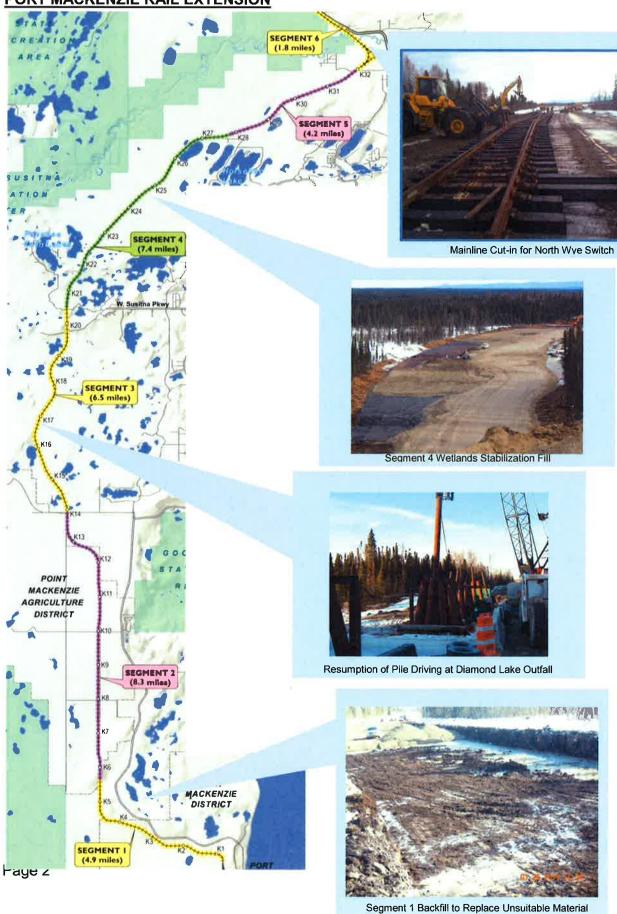
# NORTHERN RAIL EXTENSION (Updates from previous report are underlined)

- Removal of the temporary in river access (causeway and trestle) completed.
- Embankment approach work to the bridge on the north bank COMPLETED.
- The one stubborn pile will remain in the river until after breakup. Causeway will be reestablished in the spring for access to try again to remove the last pile.
- The contractor has initiated final bolt up of the ballast pans to the girders.
- Application for embankment borrow on the south bank has been submitted to
   Department of Natural Resources and forwarded to other regulatory agencies.

   This material may be needed to complete embankment to final line and grade on the south bank.
- We are now in receipt of Army Corp of Engineers (Real Estate) Temporary
   Construction permit to complete final scope elements on south bank military
   lands.
- Met with Major General Shields and Major General Katkus to discuss seasonal access across the Tanana bridge.
- Break up is underway. Levee is being monitored 24 hours a day for performance.



# **PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION**



# PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION (CONT.)

- The federal court upheld the Corps of Engineers Permit in a Summary Judgment issued the week of March 3. However, the court did find that there may be some inconsistencies in the way the Corps of Engineers valued the wetlands that were impacted. If the Corps cannot satisfy the Court that certain concerns of the EPA were effectively resolved, it is likely that the value of the impacts will have to be recalculated resulting in additional (probably significant) mitigation costs. All briefs are before the court and we are waiting a final decision.
- MSB requested \$60MM from the State Capital Budget for FY 2015. The FY 2015
   Capital Budget included \$13 million for this project.
- MSB held a public project update March 19<sup>th</sup> in Houston.

# **Segment 1 Summary**: (Construction)

**Contractor:** Bristol Construction

- Grade construction restarted with the haul of stabilization materials onto frozen wetland areas has been halted. Work will resume after spring break-up, anticipated restart is mid-May.
- Expected completion of all work is July 2014.

# **Segment 2 Summary:** (ROW and Design)

- ROW acquisition is underway by the MSB. <u>3 of 11</u> parcels have been acquired.
- Engineering is complete to 60% for most of segment.
- Construction is not funded, project may construct on available parcel with existing funding.

### **Segment 3 Summary**: (Construction)

**Contractor:** Quality Asphalt Paving (QAP)

- Grade construction is nearly complete throughout the project, but has shut down for the winter.
- Bridge sub-contractor restarted work on bridges (Old Iditarod Trail, Iditarod Trail, and Diamond Lake Outfall).
- QAP began clearing Segment 3A in mid-April.
- Expected completion is August 2014.

# Segment 4 Summary: (Construction)

**Contractor:** Bristol Construction

- Contractor has an initial pioneer road the entire length of the segment.
- Clearing is complete; grubbing is about 75% complete.
- Contractor performed grade construction with the import of stabilization material across frozen wetlands. Work halted mid-April to allow for spring break-up.

# PORT MACKENZIE RAIL EXTENSION (CONT.)

# **Segment 5 Summary**: (ROW and Design)

- Segment 5 bid documents are prepared for bid when real estate is available.
- ROW acquisition is underway by the MSB. 0 of 1 parcel are acquired.
- o Engineering is complete.
- Construction can be funded if real estate becomes available.

# Segment 6 Summary: (Construction)

# **Contractor:** Granite Construction

- Remaining grade work, mostly north of the Little Susitna River is expected to resume May 1.
- Expected completion is June 2014.

# **Segment 7 Summary**: (Construction - Signal)

### Contractor: Midvale Electric

- Work to install signal apparatus at the new Houston wye track junction which will assist in establishing PTC northward between Pittman and Kashwitna (27 miles).
- Contractor is procuring materials, secure storage, and coordinating for pad construction and access.
- o Expected start-up is late April 2014.
- Expected completion in fall 2014.

# **Segment 7 Summary**: (Construction – Houston Communications Tower)

### Contractor: Moss Cape

- Work to install a 150 foot communications tower near the new Houston wye.
- Contractor began foundation work the last week of March 2014.
- Expected completion in summer 2014.

### **Segment 7 Summary**: (Construction – Track Component Assembly)

# **Contractor:** ARRC Internal Labor Forces

- Work to assemble switches, ties and rail for installation of Houston wye track facilities.
- New north wye switch was cut into main track on January 28, 2014.
- North wye leg track assembled on grade, awaiting ballasting. New main track assembly has begun on available grade.
- Expected completion in fall 2014.

# **POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL (PTC)**

# Office Segment:

- The Wabtec Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System was operational on January 16, 2014. This system is required for PTC. The new CAD system has not reached the stability needed for summer operations. <u>The "radio blocking" feature is being implemented</u>. <u>This is necessary for the summer schedule</u>, particularly with the new "HAP" trains.
- <u>Lab testing of the end-to-end PTC system has begun. The office segment software components will be delivered in three major releases. The testing is for Release A.</u>
- The office communications messaging server has been tested in the test environment, a production level group of servers are being prepared to support switch point manual switch monitoring (SPMS). We expect to monitor manual switching starting in June for those switches equipped in the test corridor.

# Locomotive On Board Systems:

- Installation of on board PTC equipment began February 24, 2014 with the contractor – Wabtec Global Services (WGS).
- All components are on order from multiple vendors and ARRC is tracking the delivery for this installation.
- o PTC on board installation has finished on 7 ARRC SD70MAC locomotives.

### Communications:

- The Moose Pass communications tower foundation is in final design. Installation is expected in June.
- A procurement and installation of WI-FI in Anchorage and Whittier terminal areas is being prepared. <u>Testing of Verizon 4G LTE commercially available</u> <u>data is being tested to determine if cellular data can replace some of the Wi-</u> Fi planned.

# Wayside:

- Detailed engineering and project management continues on wayside locations outside the test corridor. The focus is on optimizing the system installation and cost containment, while providing the wayside attributes required for PTC.
- Midvale Electric Inc. has been issued the contract for the CTC installation between Pittman and Kashwitna. Completion is expected in fall 2014.



# **POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL (PTC) (CONT.)**

- Integration and Implementation:
  - ARRC and Mullikin began field testing of the surveyed features on April 23.
     The FRA Validation & Verification process includes the FRA witnessing the field verifications of the critical features surveyed are within the prescribed accuracy of the data used in the PTC system.
  - The FRA approved the PTC Implementation Plan on April 11, 2014. Included in the approval is relief from monitoring 27 manual switches north of Usibelli and 16 south of Portage based on the "limited operations exception".
  - A PTC development, progress and issues meeting with the FRA, our primary vendor Wabtec and safety consultants is scheduled for the week of June 9 in Alaska.







# 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Clerks Week May 4 - 10, 2014 FACT SHEET

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### **PURPOSE**

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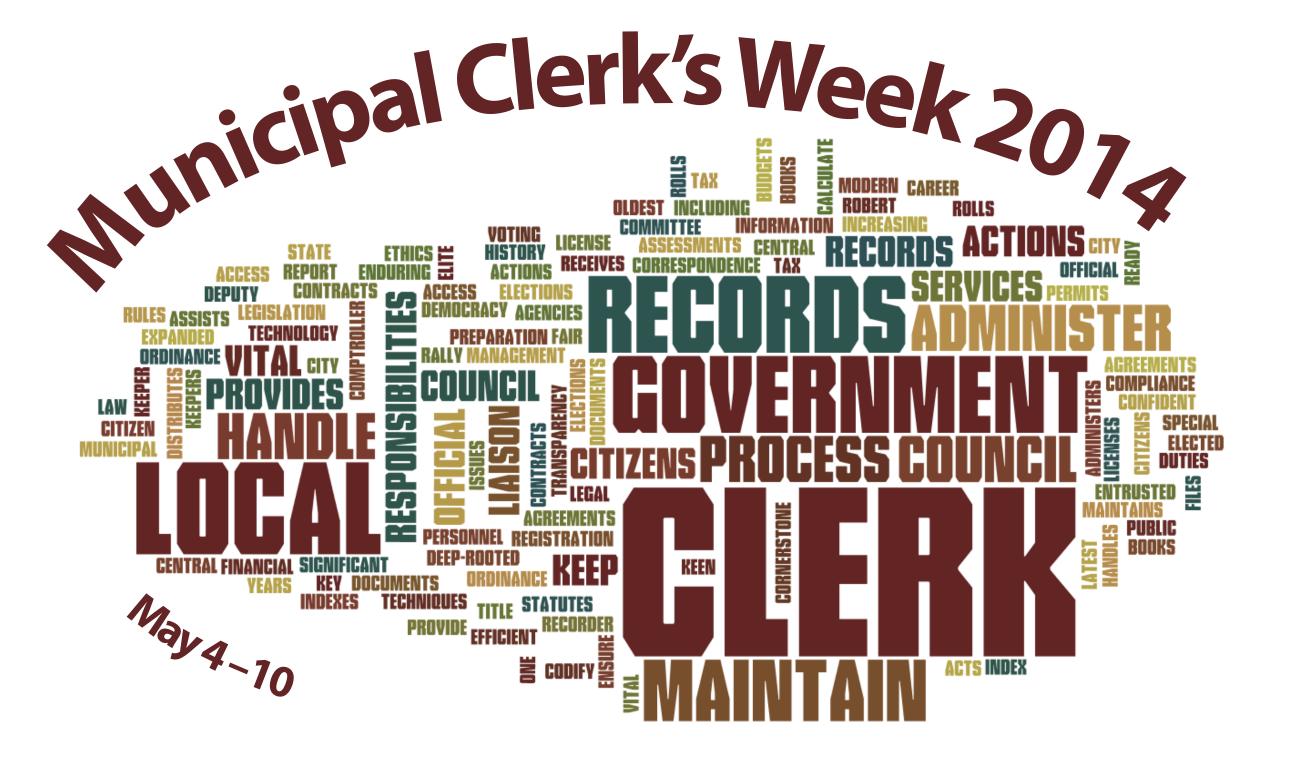
### **HISTORY**

Municipal Clerks Week was initiated in 1969 by IIMC and is endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries. In 1984 and in 1994, Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, respectively, signed a Proclamation officially declaring Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May and recognizing the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government.

### TYPICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL AND DEPUTY CLERK:

- Maintains the official council minutes, ordinance books and all records and documents.
- Indexes all official actions of council.
- Issues licenses and permits.
- Processes contracts and agreements.
- Keepers of community history and vital records.
- Receives, distributes and files correspondence from citizens and other governmental agencies.
- Administers elections, registration and voting.
- Acts as a key liaison between local government and its citizens.
- Handles significant financial responsibilities including preparation of tax rolls, special assessments and budgets.
- Provides central services such as personnel, purchasing, etc.

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Sponsored by: Mayor Bryce J. Ward Introduced & Advanced: April 21, 2014

Passed: May 5, 2014

## 1 CITY OF NORTH POLE 2 3 ORDINANCE 14-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA TO ENGAGE USKH, INC. FOR \$19,710 TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF EXTENSION OF THE NORTH POLE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM TO AREAS OF THE CITY ABOVE THE GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATED SULFOLANE PLUME THAT DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Pole created its utility system to provide residents with the protection and convenience afforded by a municipal utility system and to promote an improved community environment and promote economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, there are developed and undeveloped properties within the City that are located above the sulfolane contaminated groundwater plume that do not have access to the municipal water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is interested in determining the feasibility of constructing an extension to the municipal water system to the properties whose groundwater is contaminated by sulfolane but who do not have access to the municipal water system; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to soliciting funding to construct the proposed water system extension, the City desires to obtain an construction cost estimate to assess the feasibility of constructing such a water system extension; and

**WHEREAS**, USKH, Inc., preformed an area-wide preliminary engineering analysis in 2010 as part of a private contract with Flint Hills Resources, LLC of the requirements to extend municipal water service to the properties inside and outsides of the City limits that are located above the sulfolane contaminated groundwater plume; and

**WHEREAS**, the Utility Department identified an extension of the municipal water system that would provide access to the properties above the sulfolane plume that are within the city limits not currently served by the existing municipal water system; and

**WHEREAS**, USKH will be able to efficiently build upon its 2012 analysis to generate a feasibility assessment of extending the municipal water system to the properties above the sulfolane plume that are within the city limits not currently served by the municipal water system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has sufficient reserves in its municipal capital projects fund as documented in the attached financial statement and fiscal note to fully fund the project as outlined in USKH's attached cost proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, prudent budgeting practices support allocating contingency funding to enable the project to proceed should unforeseen events occur; and

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WHEREAS, \$25,000 will adequately fund USKH's cost proposal and provide sufficient contingency for the proposed project to proceed and generate the contracted deliverables as detailed in USKH's attached cost proposal. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of North Pole: **Section 1.** The City accepts the attached proposal in the amount of \$19,710 from USKH to perform a feasibility assessment of extending the municipal water system to the properties above the sulfolane plume that are within the city limits not currently served by the municipal water system. Section 2. \$25,000 is allocated to fund USKH's work as outlined in the attached cost proposal and to provide a project contingency enable the project to proceed and generate the contracted deliverables **Section 3.** Effective date. This ordinance shall be effective at 5:00 pm on the first City business day following its adoption. **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 5th of May, 2014. Bryce J. Ward, Mayor **ATTEST** Kathryn M. Weber, MMC North Pole City Clerk **PASSED** Yes: No: Absent:



## CITY OF NORTH POLE 2014 RENEWAL MEETING

125 Snowman Lane North Pole, AK 99705

May 5, 2014

Presented by: Craig Kestran Employee Benefits Manager

Diana Stewart, RHU, CEBS Sr. Employee Benefits Account Manager



### **City of North Pole**

**Agenda** 

Section I. General Overview

Section II. Current Trends in Healthcare

Section III. PPACA Required Changes

Section IV. Summary of Current Programs

Section V. Renewal Presentation

Section VI. Reports & Exhibits

Section VII. Alternative Funding Options

City of North Pole Attendees:	Alaska USA Insurance Brokers Attendees:
Bryce Ward	Craig Kestran
Kathy Weber	

Individual	Functional Position		
Craig Kestran	Employee Benefits Manager:		
907-564-6143	Responsible for managing all strategic		
c.kestran@alaskausainsurancebrokers.com	aspects of client relationship, including planning, plan design, financial evaluation, claims analysis, insurer negotiations and compliance.		
Diana Stewart	Employee Benefits Supervisor:		
907-564-6140	Responsible for analyzing carrier proposals,		
d.stewart@alaskausainsurancebrokers.com	assisting with the preparation of financial evaluations (renewals) and daily service/policy issues and plan execution.		

#### I. General Overview

#### **Our Commitment to Service**

We appreciate the opportunity to work with City of North Pole, and help you meet your insurance and employee benefits objectives. In order to adapt to the changing needs of your organization, Alaska USA Insurance Brokers has invested in top-notch talent and leading-edge technology. We take nothing for granted, and will always work in the best interest of City of North Pole.

Thank you for your business. We look forward to nurturing an ongoing relationship that brings you the best solutions in the business. We will continue to build our relationship through hard work, creativity, and assertiveness that effectively meets the needs of your business.

#### Alaska USA Insurance Brokers Account Service Team

All Alaska USA Insurance Brokers clients are assigned to a team of specialists who are dedicated to providing a wealth of resources to serve their needs. Our professionals pride themselves on excellent service, and are dedicated to using their experience and expertise to meet our clients' benefits objectives. Your account team's goal is to help City of North Pole save money through proper implementation and management of your benefits programs, and they are committed to anticipating and fulfilling your needs and concerns.

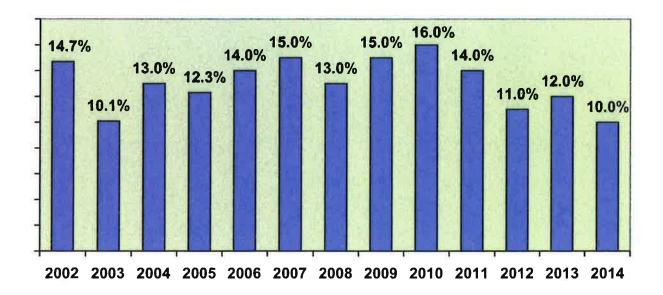
In addition to our own talented professionals and specialized value-added services, Alaska USA Insurance Brokers has a wealth of resources available to us through our national affiliations. The resources available to us through these affiliations let us gain access to regional expertise and market clout.

Final accountability for your programs is the responsibility of Craig Kestran, your lead Advisor. While a number of our professional staff will be active with your account, either on a day-to-day or project-specific basis, Craig is ultimately responsible for meeting your expectations.

#### II. Current Trends in Healthcare

#### 2002-2014 Trends

This year is expected to be another double digit rate increase. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> double digit increase in a row.



#### **Cost Drivers:**

- Health Care Reform
- Increased incidence of chronic diseases due to increase in age of the overall population and in part due to unhealthy lifestyle choices.
- Use of prescription drugs, usage goes up as the incidence of chronic conditions increase.
- Increase use of technology to treat illnesses.
- Inefficient care only 55% of all patients receive care in accordance with Best Practices.
- Defensive medicine additional tests and procedures ordered as precautions.

#### **Cost Saving Considerations:**

- Cost shifting:
  - o Increase employee contributions
  - Tiered employee contributions charging employees a percentage of pay, charging employees whose dependents have access to other insurance more than those that do not
  - o Offer "Wellness Rebates to offset employee contribution increases
- Change plan designs especially increasing the prescription drug co-payments to keep pace with prescription drug cost increases.
  - Although minimum changes can be made within a Grandfathered plan, major changes to benefits will cause the loss of Grandfather Status and an overall increase in plan costs.
- Focus on Employee Communications as the need to implement more drastic cost savings increases, it is critical to engage employees. Comprehensive communications are needed to build awareness of the actual cost of their care, to arm them with decision making tools to help them to be more involved in the course of their medical treatment to improve outcomes, (which reduce cost) and to educate them on the connection between health, prevention, the quality of life and cost.

#### **Other Trends:**

#### **Comprehensive Wellness Programs:**

- Discounts for health clubs, weight loss centers, etc.
- Employer-paid smoking cessation classes
- Smoker/Non-smoker employee medical contributions
- Wellness "rebates"
- Third party health advocate
- Incentives for health risk assessments

#### III. PPACA REQUIRED CHANGES

- Maximum 90 Day Waiting Period: Plans are no longer allowed to have a
  waiting period that exceeds 90 days. The City of North Pole is already in
  compliance with this rule. Employees are eligible for the plan on date of hire.
- Elimination of Annual & Lifetime Limits: The City of North Pole is already in compliance with this rule.
- Elimination of Pre-Existing Condition Language: The plan will need to be amended to remove this language.
- Amend Adult Children Language: Adult children to the age of 26 can now remain on a parents plan regardless of having access to their own employer coverage. The plan will need to be amended to adjust this language.
- **Required Essential Health Benefits:** The City of North Pole Health Plan meets the requirements of Essential Health Benefits.
- **Determination of a Benchmark Plan:** We recommend the use of the State of Utah as the plans benchmark plan.

#### Fees & Taxes

**PICORI Fee:** Fully Insured & Self Funded Plans. The Fee is based on the average covered lives (including dependents) during the plan year. The fee changes on October 2 each year. The first year the fee is \$1 per covered life, due July 1, 2014. The second year will be \$2 per covered life, and it will continue to grow from there. **The Fee due July 1, 2014 will be \$110.** 

Reinsurance Fee: Fully Insured & Self Funded Plans. The Reinsurance fee applies to plan years beginning 2014 through 2016. This fee decreases over the three year period. The fee is calculated on the actual number of covered lives each month. The number of insured will be reported to the IRS annually in December each year and billed to the employer in January of the following year. The first year fee is \$63 per life, or \$5.25 per life per month. Final regulations and filing requirements are yet to be released. First year fees estimated at \$6,930.

**Health Insurance Transition Fee: Fully Insured Plans Only.** This fee continues on an annual basis, increasing annually from a base of 2% to 2.5% of Premium in 2014.

Cadillac Tax: Starting in 2018, a 40% excise tax on health plans with values exceeding a specific threshold. The thresholds are \$10,200 for individual or \$27,500 for family coverage (indexed to inflation). The excise tax will be assessed on the amount that exceeds the threshold, not the whole value of coverage. 2014-2015 costs are \$9,860.76/ Employee Only & \$24,785.16 / Family.

#### **IV.** Summary of Current Programs

	Carrier	Renewal Date		
Health	Self Funded - AW Rehn	7/1/14		
Dental	Self Funded - AW Rehn	7/1/14		
COBRA	AW Rehn	7/1/14 1/1/14		
FSA	Eflex Group			
Life/AD&D	Lincoln Financial	7/1/15		
Short Term Disability	Lincoln Financial	7/1/15		
Group Voluntary Life /AD&D	Lincoln Financial	7/1/15		
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**Note:** Detailed plan information is located in the **Reports & Exhibits** section of this report.

#### **Summary of Benefits**

Plan: Medical TPA: AW Rehn

Renewal Date: 7/1/14

Benefit	In-Network	Out-of-Network	
Deductible	\$300 / \$900	\$300 / \$900	
Out-of-Pocket	\$3,000 / \$9,000	\$3,000 / \$9,000	
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Coinsurance	80%	80% Providers 60% Hospital	
Preventative Services	80%	80%	
Physician Office Visit	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	
Retail Prescriptions Retail Mail Order	\$10 / \$20 / \$40 3 x Retail	Member pays 100% at the time of purchase then reimbursed 50% after the applicable co-pay	
Urgent Care	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	
Emergency Room	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	
Ambulance	You pay 10% Plan pays 90% after deductible	You pay 10% Plan pays 90% after deductible	
Office Surgery	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	
Outpatient Hospital Serv.  Outpatient Surgery Anesthesia Requires Pre- Certification Lab & X-Ray based on Facility Network status	You pay 10% Plan pays 90% after deductible	You pay 40% Plan pays 60% after deductible	
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Outpatient Lab & X-ray	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible
Outpatient Advanced Radiology  • MRI, MRA,PET, CT- Scan & Nuclear Medicine	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible	You pay 20% Plan pays 80% after deductible
Durable Medical Equip.	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible
Skilled Nursing Facility	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
100 visits PCY	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible
Hospice Care	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
4	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible
Home Health Care	You pay 20%	You pay 20%
100 visits PCY	Plan pays 80% after deductible	Plan pays 80% after deductible
Organ Transplant	You pay 10% Plan pays 90% after deductible	Not Covered

Plan: Dental

Benefit	In or Out of Network
Deductible	\$50 / \$150
Waived For Preventive	YES
Type A Expenses	100%
Type B Expenses	80%
Type C Expenses	50%
Calendar Year Max	\$1,000

Plan: Vision

Benefit	In or Out of Network
Deductible	None
Eye Exams	Plan pays 100% up to \$60
Lenses, Contacts and Frames	Plan pays 100% up to \$120
Benefit Period	24 months

Plan: Life & AD&D

Carrier: Lincoln Financial Renewal Date: 7/1/15

		Benefit
Life	Class I – Full Time Employees	\$50,000
AD&D	Class I – Full Time Employees	\$50,000

Plan: Voluntary Life & AD&D

		Benefit
Life	All Employees working 30+ hrs	5 x annual salary to a maximum of \$500,000
AD&D	All Employees working 30+ hrs	5 x annual salary to a maximum of \$500,000

Plan: Voluntary Short Term Disability

		Benefit
STD	All Employees working 30+ hrs	0% of weekly earning to a maximum benefit of \$500 per
		week for 52 weeks

#### V. Renewal Presentation

## City of North Pole 2014-2015 Renewal

		HCC Life					HCC Life			
Aggregating Specific \$15,000			\$35,000 5	pec	file Stop Loss		H	\$35,000 Spec		
			Current	1.0	Renewal	Chg	Ne	g. Renewal	Chg	
Administrative Fee	N.									
AW Rehn	40	\$	28.18	\$	28.70	1.8%	\$	28.70	1.8%	
AUIB	40	\$	36.78	\$	37.69	2.5%	\$	37.69	2.5%	
PPACA Fees *	40	\$	-	\$	14.67		\$	14.67		
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Total Monthly Admin Fee		\$	2,598.40	\$	3,242.40	24.8%	\$	3,242.40	24.8%	
Specific Premium										
Employee Only	11	\$	184.91	\$	219.15	18.5%	\$	203.40	10.0%	
Family	29	\$	497.97	\$	546.00	9.6%	\$	547.77	10.0%	
Total Monthly Stop Loss		\$	16,475.14	\$	18,244.65	10.7%	\$	18,122.65	10.0%	
Premium										
Aggregate Premium							<del>                                     </del>			
Employee Only	40	\$	18.06	\$	18.96	5.0%	\$	18.06	0.0%	
Total Monthly Aggregate		\$	722.40	\$	758.40	5.0%	\$	722.40	0.0%	
Premium	_						-			
Total Monthly Fixed Costs	200	\$	19,795.94	\$	22,245.45	12.4%	\$	22,087.45	11.6%	
Total Annual Fixed Costs		\$	237,551.28	\$	266,945.40		5	265,049.45		
Claim Factors	4									
Employee Only	11	\$	519.21	\$	519.21	0.0%	\$	519.21	0.0%	
Family	29	\$	1,418.54	\$	1,418.54	0.0%	\$	1,418.54	0.0%	
Maximum Monthly Claims C	net	\$	46,848.97	\$	46,848.97	0.0%	\$	46,848.97	0.0%	
maximum monuny claims c	USL	\$	562,187.64	\$	562,187.64	0.076	\$	562,187.64	0.076	
TOTAL MONTHLY Maximum		S	66,644.91	\$	69,094.42	3.7%	\$	68,936.42	3.4%	
Cost	7.63		X 50 X							
TOTAL ANNUAL Maximum		\$	799,738.92	\$	829,133.04		\$	827,237.09		
Cost					118 22					
TOTAL MONTHLY Expected		\$	57,275.12	S	59,724.63	4.3%	. \$	59,566.63	4.0%	
Cost				53					THE STATE OF THE S	
TOTAL ANNUAL Expected C	ost	S	687,301.39	5	716,695,51		-5.	714,799.56	AGENI	
Total Increase (Maximum Co Employee	st)	\$	787.14	\$ \$	29,394.12 838.38		\$ \$	27,498.17 821.73		
Family		\$	1,999.53	\$	2,064.56		\$	2,065.43		

\*PPACA Fees: Includes PICORI & Reinsurance Fees on 110 lives prorated to employee lives per month.

### VI. Reports & Exhibits

- Large Claims Report
  - o 2003-2013 Cigna & IISI
  - o 2013-2014 HCC Life
- 2013-2014 Monthly Experience Report

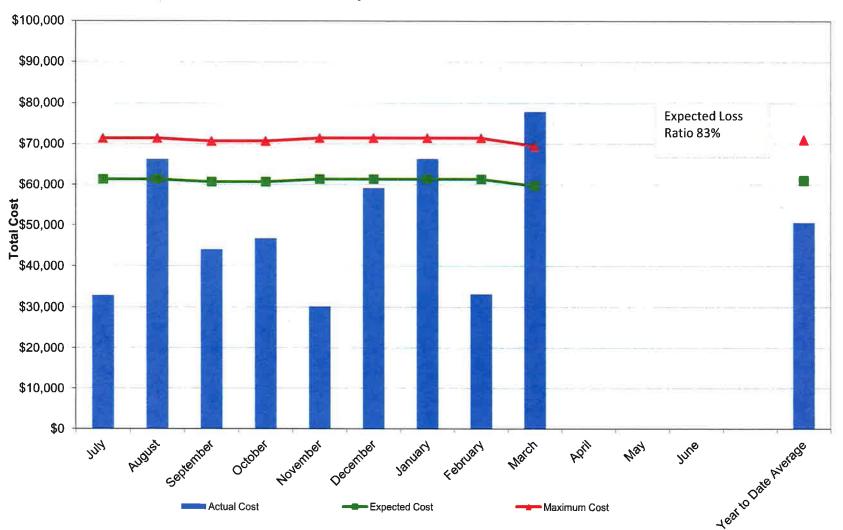
City of North Pole Large Claims Report

CIGNA	No. of Claims	Gross Claims	Claims Over Specific	Net Claims	Est Spec Premium	Stop Loss Level		
2003 / 2004	2	262,804	119,023	143,781	33,342	25,000	357.0%	
2004 / 2005	0	163,936	0	163,936	33,898	25,000	0.0%	
2005 / 2006	1	202,966	17,958	185,008	51,296	25,000	35.0%	
2006 / 2007	0	123,163	0	123,163	69,169	25,000	0.0%	
2007 / 2008	3	226,537	34,732	191,806	116,201		29.9%	
2008 / 2009	1	273,749	28,165	245,584	193,915	30,000	14.5%	
2009/2010	1	431,722	67,465	364,257	209,420	30,000	32.2%	
2010/2011	2	250,529	32,617	217,912	236,321	30,000	13.8%	
2011/2012	2	609,687	230,882	378,805	245,509	30,000	94.0%	
IISI				ŕ	,	,		1 Laser at \$100,000
2012/2013	1	\$622,432	\$214,066	\$408,366	\$131,411	\$35,000	162.9%	
TOTAL	10 years	3,167,525	744,908	2,422,617	1,320,483		56.4%	-

## City of North Pole Large Claims Report

Plan Year	SL Claims	Specific SL Limit	Claims in Excess of SL	Stop Loss Premium	Loss Ratio	Agg Specific	Employer Claim Cost	Premium Savings	Loss Ratio
2013-2014	0	\$35,000	<b>\$</b> O	\$164,971	0%	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	0%
Totals	0		\$0	\$164,971	0%	\$15,000	<b>\$</b> 0	\$15,000	0%

City of North Pole Group Health Plan July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014



# CITY OF NORTH POLE GROUP HEALTH PLAN ELIGIBILITY REPORT PLAN YEAR: JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013

PPACA covered lives

Month	Employees	Dependents	Total	
July	12	31	43	107
August	12	31	43	107
September	11	31	42	106
October	11	31	42	106
November	12	31	43	107
December	12	31	43	108
January	12	31	43	109
February	12	31	43	109
March	12	30	42	108
April				
May				
June				
Total	106	278	384	967
Average	12	31	43	107

#### CITY OF NORTH POLE GROUP HEALTH PLAN AVERAGE COST PER EMPLOYEE

#### PLAN YEAR: JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014 Claims in excess of the Specific Stop Loss of \$35,000 EXCLUDED

Month	Med / Vis Claims	Rx Claims	Dental Claims	Total Claims	Stop-Loss Premium	Admin & U/R	Actual Cost	Eligible Employees	Avg Cost Per EE
July	\$8,451	\$706	\$2,529	\$11,686	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$32,875	43	764.54
August	\$39,313	\$3,118	\$2,623	\$45,054	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$66,244	43	1540.55
September	\$17,318	\$4,426	\$1,281	\$23,025	\$18,230	\$2,729	\$43,983	42	1047.22
October	\$21,934	\$3,483	\$364	\$25,781	\$18,230	\$2,729	\$46,739	42	1112.84
November	\$2,911	\$4,159	\$1,903	\$8,972	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$30,161	43	701.42
December	\$30,895	\$4,460	\$2,575	\$37,930	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$59,119	43	1374.87
January	\$36,473	\$4,617	\$4,038	\$45,128	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$66,318	43	1542.27
February	\$6,056	\$2,442	\$3,449	\$11,947	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$33,137	43	770.62
March	\$49,008	\$3,864	\$4,367	\$57,239	\$17,917	\$2,729	\$77,884	42	1854.37
April									
May									
June									
Total	\$212,359	\$31,274	\$23,129	\$266,762	\$164,971	\$24,726	\$456,459	384	1188.70

# CITY OF NORTH POLE GROUP HEALTH PLAN ACTUAL COST COMPARED TO EXPECTED COST PLAN YEAR: JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

Claims in excess of the Specific Stop Loss of \$35,000 EXCLUDED

Month	Total Claims	Stop-Loss Premium	Admin & U/R	Actual Cost	Expected Cost	Loss Ratio	Amounts Over \$35,000
July	\$11,686	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$32,875	\$61,353	54%	\$0
August	\$45,054	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$66,244	\$61,353	108%	\$0
September	\$23,025	\$18,230	\$2,729	\$43,983	\$60,707	72%	\$0
October	\$25,781	\$18,230	\$2,729	\$46,739	\$60,707	77%	\$0
November	\$8,972	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$30,161	\$61,353	49%	\$0
December	\$37,930	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$59,119	\$61,353	96%	\$0
January	\$45,128	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$66,318	\$61,353	108%	\$0
February	\$11,947	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$33,137	\$61,353	54%	\$0
March	\$57,239	\$17,917	\$2,729	\$77,884	\$59,674	131%	\$0
April							
May							
June							
Total	\$266,762	\$164,971	\$24,726	\$456,459	\$549,209	83%	<b>\$</b> 0

# CITY OF NORTH POLE GROUP HEALTH PLAN ACTUAL COST COMPARED TO MAXIMUM COST PLAN YEAR: JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014 Claims in excess of the Specific Stop Loss of \$35,000 EXCLUDED

Month	Total Paid Health Claims	Stop-Loss	Admin & U/R	Actual Cost	Maximum Cost	SURPLUS (deficit)	Ratio	Amounts Over \$35,000
July	\$11,686	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$32,875	\$71,395	\$38,519	46%	\$0
August	\$45,054	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$66,244	\$71,395	\$5,151	93%	\$0
September	\$23,025	\$18,230	\$2,729	\$43,983	\$70,644	\$26,661	62%	\$0
October	\$25,781	\$18,230	\$2,729	\$46,739	\$70,644	\$23,905	66%	\$0
November	\$8,972	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$30,161	\$71,395	\$41,233	42%	\$0
December	\$37,930	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$59,119	\$71,395	\$12,275	83%	\$0
January	\$45,128	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$66,318	\$71,395	\$5,077	93%	\$0
February	\$11,947	\$18,433	\$2,757	\$33,137	\$71,395	\$38,258	46%	<b>\$</b> 0
March	\$57,239	\$17,917	\$2,729	\$77,884	\$69,432	-\$8,452	112%	\$0
April								
May								
June	_							
Total	\$266,762	\$164,971	\$24,726	\$456,459	\$639,088	\$182,628	71%	<b>\$0</b>

#### VII. Alternative Funding Options

## 1. Increase Employee Contributions – Maintain Grandfather Status

 Employer contributions can not be decreased more than 5% for any level of coverage:

	Employer	Employer Contrib.		Contrib.	Increase in EE
	Current	New	Current	New	Monthly Cost
Employee only	100%	95%	<b>\$</b> 0	\$41.09	\$1,643.60
Dependents Only	82%	77%	\$100	\$286.05	\$5,039.05

#### **Annual Change in Employee Contributions \$ \$84,468.60**

These rates are based on Maximum Cost. Rates could be set at Expected Cost.

#### 2. Increase Employee Contributions - Loose Grandfather Status

 Cost of employee only contributions can be increased to 9.5% of the lowest wage earners salary. (\$35,000 per year, 9.5% =\$3,325/yr or \$277.08 per month.

You would need to modify the plan to provide all of the required PPACA Changes.

Preventative Care Essential Health Benefits Clinical Trials Women's Health Care External Review

#### 3. Fully Insured Options

AETNA Poli-Sub Unit \$500 Annual Deductible 80%- \$106,424.82 Monthly Cost \$750 Annual Deductible 80% - \$86,451.33 Monthly Cost

The City of North Pole's plan costs have averaged 95% of Expected costs over the last 6 years.

Based on the 2014-2015 Expected Costs of \$714,799.56, 95% would be \$679,059.58. Including PPACA Fees & Taxes.

#### 4. Drop Coverage

Marketplace rates are age rated – If you exchange coverage for salary older higher paid employees would require higher salary to cover the cost of Marketplace rates.

Premera - Marketplace Plan

Gold - \$1,000 Annual Deductible - 80% in network benefit Estimated total employee cost \$51,000 (non-smokers) - \$54,000 (smokers) per Month

Assuming you will replace coverage with salary increase you will also need to consider an increase in Payroll Taxes to the City, increased Pension cost, increased Workers Compensation cost, potential loss of employees, retraining cost, and employee moral.

Assuming an increase in payroll of \$51,000 per month (non smokers) Taxes, Pension and Workers Comp would increase \$14,509.50 per month

Monthly Cost	\$65,509.50	\$786,114.00
Taxes, Pension & WC	\$14,509.50	<u>\$174,114.00</u>
Health Plan Cost	\$51,000.00	\$612,000.00
	Monthly	Annual

Assuming an increase in payroll of \$54,000 per month (smokers) Taxes, Pension and Workers Comp would increase \$15,363.00 per month

Monthly Cost	\$69,363.00	\$832,356.00
Taxes, Pension & WC	\$15,363.00	\$184,356.00
Health Plan Cost	\$54,000.00	\$648,000.00
	Monthly	Annual

#### **Employee Impact:**

**Taxable income is increased** by the cost of the salary increase to cover the cost of the marketplace benefits. This coverage was previously a pre tax benefit to employees and will now be an after tax benefit. Employees could shift into a higher tax bracket.

#### Other Considerations:

- Higher Deductible and Out of Pocket Costs
- Less Network Choices may result in more out of pocket cost to employees
- Out of Network Costs increased No annual maximum.
- Further reduced benefits No adult dental & Vision is included
   Dental Replacement costs average \$60/EE & \$150/Family per Mo.
   Vision Replacement Costs average \$11/EE & \$18/Family per Mo.

## City of North Pole Plan Comparison

#### Highlighted areas show reduced benefits.

			r		
	City of North Po	ole - Current Plan	Excha	nge Plan - Premer	a Gold
Monthly Cost	Effective 7/1/2	014 - 6/30/2015	Effectiv	re 7/1/2014 - 6/3	0/2015
Benefit	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Participating	Non Participating
Annual Deductible	\$300 Individu	al / \$900 family	\$1,000 Individual / \$2,000 Family	\$2,000 Individua	1 / \$4,000 Family
Out-of-Pocket - Includes Deductible	\$3,300 Individu	al / \$9,900 Family	\$5,000 Individual / \$10,000 Family	Unlir	nited
Lifetime Maximum	Unli	imited		Unlimited	
Coinsurance	80%	80% Providers 60% Hospital	80%	80% Providers 60% Hospital	80% Providers 40% Hospital
Precertification Penalty	\$250 per Service	\$250 per Service	\$400 per Service	\$400 per Service	\$400 per Service
Preventative Services	80%	80%	100%	100% Physician 60% Hospital	100% Physician 40% Hospital
Physician Office Visit	80%	80%	\$30 Copay	\$30 Copay	\$30 Copay
Office Surgery	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Physician Office Service	80%	80%			
Anesthesia	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Lab & X-Ray	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Urgent Care	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Ambulance	90%	90%	80%	80%	80%
Non Emergency Air	90%	90%	80%	60%	40%
Emergency Room	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Non Emergency	80%	80%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital

	City of North Po	ole - Current Plan	Excha	nge Plan - Premera	a Gold
Outpatient Facility Service	80%	60%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Anesthesia	80%	60%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Lab & X-Ray based on	80%	60%	80% Deductible	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Facility Network status			waived	·	3 3 3 3 3
MRI, MRA,PET, CT-Scan &	80%	60%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Nuclear Medicine					
Inpatient Hospital Service	90%	\$250 Per Admission	80%	60% + \$500 Per	40% + \$500 Per
		Deducitble, after		Admission	Admission
		Annual Deductible		Deducitble, after	Deducitble, after
	200/	60%		Annual Deductible	
Anesthesia		60%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Lab & X-Ray based on		60%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Facility Network status					
MRI, MRA, PET, CT-Scan &		80%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Nuclear Medicine		000/	000/	000/	000/
Durable Medical Equip.	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Skilled Nursing Facility	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days
Hospice Care	80%	80%	80%	60% Hospital	40% Hospital
Home Health Care	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days	80% Max 100 Days
Organ Transplant	80%	Not Covered	80%	Not Covered	Not Covered
Physician Services	80%	Not Covered	80%	80%	80%
Mental/Nervous & Substance					
Physician Service	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Inpatient Facility	80%	\$250 Per Admission	80%	60% + \$500 Per	40% + \$500 Per
		Deducitble, after		Admission	Admission
		Annual Deductible		Deducitble, after	Deducitble, after
		60%		Annual Deductible	Annual Deductible
Office Visit	80%	80%	\$30 copay	\$30 Copay	\$30 Copay
Outpatient	80%	80%	80% deductible	80% deductible	80% deductible
			waived	waived	waived

	City of North Po	ole - Current Plan	Excha	nge Plan - Premer	a Gold
Prescriptions					
Out of Pocket Max	N	one	·		
Generic	\$10 / 30 day supply		\$10 / 30 day supply	Same as In Network	Same as In Network
	\$30 / 90 day Mail Order		\$30 / 90 day Mail Order	N/A	N/A
Preferred Brand	\$20 / 30 day supply	Member pays 100% at the time of purchase then	\$40 / 30 day supply	Same as In Network	Same as In Network
	\$60 / 90 day Mail Order	reimbursed 50% after the applicable co-pay Retail Only	\$120 / 90 day Mail Order	N/A	N/A
Non-Preferred Brand	\$40 / 30 day supply		\$80 / 30 day supply	Same as In Network	Same as In Network
	\$120 / 90 day Mail Order		\$240 / 90 day Mail Order	N/A	N/A

	City of North Pole - Current Plan	Exchange Plan - Premera Gold
Dental		
Benefit	In or Out of Network	In or Out of Network
Deductible	\$50 / \$150	Pediatric Dental Only (under age 19)
Waived For Preventive	YES	None
Type A Expenses	100%	90%
Type B Expenses	80%	80%
Type C Expenses	50%	50% (Orthodontia Medically Necessary Only)
Calendar Year Max	\$1,000	None

Vision		
Benefit	In or Out of Network	In or Out of Network
Deductible	None	Pediatric Vision Only
Eye Exams	Plan pays 100% up to \$60	\$30 Copay
Lenses, Contacts and Frames	Plan pays 100% up to \$120	100%
Benefit Period	Exam & Lenses 24 Months	Exam & Lenses Per Calendar Year
	Frames 24 Months	Frames Each 2 Calendar Years

## **Expected Health Care Cost for Calender year 2014**

\$ 697,202	1
\$ 12,153	
\$ 34,797	
\$ 744,152	1
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\$ 364,240	ł
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\$ 9,411	(Estimate
	\$ 12,153 \$ 34,797 \$ 744,152 \$ 364,240 \$ 358,347 \$ 12,154 \$ 734,741 \$ 744,152 \$ 734,741

(Estimated Savings)

<sup>\*</sup> includes PPACA and Reinsurance Fees on 110 lives on plan (affordable health care fees)

<sup>\*</sup>The City of North Pole is self insured and only pays actual expenses. Budgets are compiled using a estimate of expected cost based on previous years experience and current years base charges.

April 29, 2014

Council Members City of North Pole 99705

Request for outstanding 2013 fourth quarter and 2014 first quarter Bed Tax grants to the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce (NPCCC)

#### Dear Council Members:

As President of the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce (NPCCC), I hereby request the approved 2013 fourth quarter 2013 and 2014 first quarter City of North Pole Bed Tax grants be distributed to NPCCC.

I have attached our financial statements and accounting spreadsheets for your review and will be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding them at the appropriate City Council meeting.

Since my last report to City Council, the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce has presented its Winter Festival, including the community bazaar, candle lighting (in association with Christmas in Ice), and fireworks display, and already is planning to host its 2014 Winter Festival, including the bazaar, fireworks, candle lighting, Regents coronation, and community celebration (music, pageant, etc.).

Our Chamber is producing, publishing and distributing its Annual Visitor Guide and has updated its website that also will include a viewable Visitor Guide. We now have more than 1,400 followers on our new Facebook page (NorthPoleChamber), a seven-fold increase from last year; and, our membership list is growing. Marlene has returned and is our quarter-time Executive Director. Also, Sharon will be managing our Visitor Center full-time again from Memorial Day to Labor Day in our cabin at 2550 Mistletoe.

So far, this year our efforts have secured visits by television production companies that have taped segments in North Pole for "Christmastown" and "Only in Alaska." Other TV producers are being invited to film/tape in North Pole as well. In addition, I am expecting to talk about North Pole on several national TV shows.

We are working with The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, Explore Fairbanks, Alaska Tourism Industry Association, News-Miner, and several magazines to increase coverage of North Pole. And, our Chamber has renewed its affiliations with Santa's Senior Center, North Pole Friends of the Library, North Pole Grange, KJNP, North Pole Regents, March of Dimes, and Christmas in Ice, among others.

The NPCCC completed 2013 with a slight positive financial balance, just enough to initially hire a part-time Executive Director and full-time summer Visitor Center Manager and produce our Visitor Guide. Those are ongoing expenses, as are website maintenance, publications, supplies, advertising, telecommunications, utilities, insurance, etc. If sufficient funds are available, we may host Christmas in July again. We have applied and are applying for grants from several industry leaders and organizations for funding to potentially help meet expenses for ongoing operations and projects.

I am requesting the North Pole Community Chamber's allotted portion of the Bed Tax for the last quarter of 2013 and the first quarter of 2014 and trust that our Chamber will manage to secure new sponsors and grants during 2014 that may enable it to become self-supporting by the end of 2014. And, we are actively exploring options for the sale of our cabin on Mistletoe, so that we may move closer into town.

We are striving to achieve our ultimate goal of serving our community well and becoming self-supporting. Eventually, we hope to enable the City of North Pole to allocate NPCCC's grant funding to a variety of other deserving community non-profits and/or to municipal projects and personnel. Lastly, our Chamber fully endorses the City of North Pole's new "Shop North Pole" initiative.

I respectfully request your continued understanding and support. You are welcome to contact me on my cell number: 907-388-3836. Our Board Members' direct contact information is posted on our website: <a href="www.NorthPoleChamber.us">www.NorthPoleChamber.us</a>. My email address is <a href="mailto:santaclaus@usa.net">santaclaus@usa.net</a>, and my cell number is 907-388-3836.

Best regards,

// Santa //

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President
North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 55071
North Pole AK 99705-0071
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Attachments

8:23 AM 04/29/14 Accrual Basis

#### North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of March 31, 2014

	Mar 31, 14	Mar 31, 13	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS Current Assets				
Checking/Savings Mt. McKinley Bank	12,719.63	9,840,75	2,878.88	29.3%
Total Checking/Savings	12,719.63	9,840.75	2,878.88	29.3%
Accounts Receivable Accounts Receivable	40.00	155.00	-115.00	-74.2%
Total Accounts Receivable	40.00	155.00	-115.00	-74.2%
Other Current Assets	10,00	100.00	110.00	7 1.2 70
Inventory Asset Undeposited Funds	4,490.00 0.00	4,490.00 40.00	0.00 -40.00	0.0% -100.0%
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	4,490.00	4,530.00	-40.00	-0.9%
Total Current Assets	17,249.63	14,525.75	2,723.88	18.8%
Fixed Assets Accumulated Depreciation Buildings Furniture and Equipment	-1,402.00 7,894.00 1,401.00	-1,002.00 7,894.00 1,401.00	-400.00 0.00 0.00	-39.9% 0.0% 0.0%
Land	15,232.00	15,232.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Fixed Assets	23,125.00	23,525.00	-400.00	-1.7%
TOTAL ASSETS	40,374.63	38,050.75	2,323.88	6.1%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Other Current Liabilities				
Payroll Liabilities	0.00	451.10	-451.10	-100.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	451.10	-451.10	-100.0%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	0.00	451.10	-451.10	-100.0%
Total Liabilities	0.00	451.10	-451.10	-100.0%
Equity Opening Bal Equity Unrestricted Net Assets Net Income	3,146.58 27,751.05 9,477.00	3,146.58 23,118.93 11,334.14	0.00 4,632.12 -1,857.14	0.0% 20.0% -16.4%
Total Equity	40,374.63	37,599.65	2,774.98	7.4%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	40,374.63	38,050.75	2,323.88	6.1%

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## North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce Profit & Loss by Class

October 2013 through March 2014

	Admin	BedTax	Cabin	Candidate Forum	Membership	Winterfest	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Bed Tax Income	0.00	9,681.20	0.00	0,00	0.00	0.00	9,681.20
Other Types of Income	40,37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.37
Program Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,930.00	0.00	3,930.00
Winter Festival Booths	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,393.51	1,393.51
Total Income	40.37	9,681.20	0.00	0.00	3,930.00	1,393,51	15,045.08
Gross Profit	40.37	9,681.20	0.00	0.00	3,930,00	1,393.51	15,045.08
Expense							
Advertising	131.87	0.00	0.00	210.40	0.00	0.00	342.27
bank card fee	490,40	0.00	0,00	0.00	0,00	0.00	490.40
Business Expenses	1,466,00	0.00	0,00	0,00	0.00	0.00	1,466.00
Business Income Tax	0.00	0.00	118.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.95
Cabin Inventory	0.00	0.00	138.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.80
Contract Services	1,370,58	0.00	0,00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,370.58
Facilities and Equipment	275,64	0.00	0,00	0.00	0,00	0,00	275,64
Gift Certificates	100.00	0,00	0.00	0.00	0,00	0.00	100.00
Operations	692.94	0.00	27.00	0.00	66.30	0.00	786.24
Payroll Expenses	-15.00	0,00	451.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	436.00
property Taxes	3.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.35
Travel and Meetings	39.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.85
Total Expense	4,555.63	0.00	735.75	210,40	66,30	0,00	5,568.08
Net Ordinary Income	-4,515.26	9,681.20	-735.75	-210,40	3,863.70	1,393.51	9,477.00
Net Income	-4,515.26	9,681.20	-735.75	-210.40	3,863.70	1,393.51	9,477.00

8:23 AM 04/29/14 **Accrual Basis** 

## North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison October 2013 through March 2014

	Oct '13 - Mar 14	Oct '12 - Mar 13	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Bed Tax Income	9,681.20	11,953.18	-2,271.98	-19.0%
Cabin Sales	0.00	117.20	-117.20	-100.0%
Other Types of Income	40.37	0.00	40.37	100.0%
Program Income	3,930.00	6,540.26	-2,610.26	-39.9%
Winter Festival Booths	1,393.51	1,320.00	73.51	5.6%
Total Income	15,045.08	19,930.64	-4,885.56	-24.5%
Gross Profit	15,045.08	19,930.64	-4,885.56	-24.5%
Expense				
Advertising	342.27	517.72	-175.45	-33.9%
bank card fee	490.40	664.03	-173.63	-26.2%
Business Expenses	1,466.00	0.00	1,466.00	100.0%
<b>Business Income Tax</b>	118.95	0.00	118.95	100.0%
Cabin Inventory	138.80	451.80	-313.00	-69.3%
Contract Services	1,370.58	723.00	647.58	89.6%
Facilities and Equipment	275.64	275.64	0.00	0.0%
Gift Certificates	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
Luncheon	0.00	758.00	-758.00	-100.0%
Operations	786.24	498.58	287.66	57.7%
Payroll Expenses	436.00	4,483.94	-4,047.94	-90.3%
property Taxes	3.35	190.64	-187.29	-98.2%
Travel and Meetings	39.85	0.00	39.85	100.0%
Winter Festival	0.00	33.15	-33.15	-100.0%
Total Expense	5,568.08	8,596.50	-3,028.42	-35.2%
Net Ordinary Income	9,477.00	11,334,14	-1,857.14	-16.4%
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North Pole Police Dept. 125 Snowman Ln. North Pole, AK 99705 Chief Steve Dutra Phone: 907-488-8459 Fax: 907-488-5299

April 30, 2014

To: North Pole City Council

Re: 2014 Chena River Flood Control Project Agreement

I would like to request that the City Council approve the US Corps of Engineers Chena River law enforcement agreement for 2014 in the amount of \$82,795.01.

This year's agreement is similar to previous years and covers the costs associated with providing one full time law enforcement officer from NPPD for the period between May 1, 2014 and September 30, 2014. This covers approximately 22 weeks of continuous law enforcement service.

This contract has been in place since the 90's and is vital to the security plans for the US Corps of Engineers Chena River Flood Control Project. This contract covers a patrols officer's wages for 880 regular hours, 40 hours of possible overtime and 920 hours of vehicle costs and 24 hours of holiday pay.

If you have any question regarding this agreement please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Chief Steve Dutra

#### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA FOR THE PROVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

# APPENDIX A 2014 PLAN OF OPERATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AT THE CHENA RIVER FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

#### **TASK ORDER 01-2014**

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In the interest of public safety and security, the City of North Pole, Alaska (Cooperator) will provide law enforcement services on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) managed lands and waters within the Chena River Flood Control Project as described below. The Corps has proprietary jurisdiction over all Project lands and waters in accordance with Federal regulations contained within Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 327. Law enforcement cooperative agreements (LECA) with states or their political subdivisions are authorized by Engineer Regulation 1130-2-550, Chapter 7, to help provide a safe and healthful environment for public use at Corps water resource development projects. Concurrent patrol and enforcement by both the Corps and the Cooperator is the most effective means of assuring a safe environment for public use at the Chena River Flood Control Project.

#### 2 DESCRIPTION OF WORK AREA

The work area covered by this task order includes all accessible Corps managed public lands and waters contained within the boundaries of the Project (Attachment 1). Most, but not all, patrol work will be in those areas receiving the greatest use to maximize visibility and effectiveness. These areas include the Project entrance road corridor, dam structure and outlet works, bicycle trail, visitor kiosk, Piledriver Slough access areas, Bathing Beauty Hole, Moose Creek Bluff, Tanana groin road and silt blanket portion of the floodway.

The Chena Lakes Recreation Area (Lake Park and River Park), leased to and managed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB), is not included in this Task Order; however, this will not preclude the Cooperator from independently entering these areas in extreme emergencies. The Cooperator may, at no expense to the Corps, provide backup support to the Alaska State Troopers (AST) responding to other than extreme emergencies in the leased parks pursuant to state or local authority. The FNSB is expected to call AST for all law enforcement within the Chena Lakes Recreation Area since they (the FNSB) are not a party to the original LECA or this Task Order.

#### 3. <u>PERIOD OF SERVICES</u>

Regularly scheduled patrols shall begin no earlier than May 1, 2014 and shall end no later than September 30, 2014. This period covers approximately 22 weeks of continuous service from the Cooperator.

#### 4. NORMAL LEVEL OF SERVICE

There is currently no scheduled law enforcement service provided at the Project. The Alaska State Troopers make infrequent visits to the Project and respond to emergencies if available. The FNSB has no law enforcement powers or organization.

#### 5. TASKS

- a. The Cooperator shall provide one or more state certified law enforcement officers, with jurisdictional authority to enforce State laws on the Project, to perform an average of 40 hours of patrol work each week during the service period. The total number of hours worked under this task order shall not exceed 880 hours, regular time; 40 hours, overtime; and 24 hours, holiday time.
- 1. Patrol work will be performed by one law enforcement officer using the Cooperator's law enforcement vehicle, the Corps' all-terrain vehicles, patrol boat and by foot. The primary emphasis of these patrols will be on accident prevention, emergency services to Project visitors, and the enforcement of state laws. Maximum visibility of the Cooperator is desired to encourage voluntary compliance with laws and regulations. Liberal use of verbal and written warnings for minor infractions is encouraged; enforcement actions are to be undertaken as necessary.
- 2. The Cooperator shall generally provide services from Thursday through Monday each week. Service on Tuesday and Wednesday will generally not be required except for holidays falling on these days for which holiday wages will be paid. If Corps requested work for individual officer exceeds 40 hours in one week, overtime will be paid.
- 3. Patrol work shall usually coincide with the daily period of greatest use of the Project by visitors. Except for special circumstances or as otherwise directed by the Corps, the Cooperator is expected to begin work no earlier than 1000 and finish no later than 2400 each day. Within this general coverage window, the Corps will allow maximum flexibility in the Cooperator's daily schedule. Should inclement weather, equipment down time or other conditions beyond the control of the Cooperator reduce the patrol on a particular day, the lost time may be made up on another day when additional work is considered necessary. The cooperator is encouraged to rotate starting points and work hours so as not establish a predictable patrol pattern.

b. The Cooperator shall operate traffic radar on the primary Project access road as necessary to measure and control traffic speed along the road and prevent accidents.

#### 6. <u>DAILY LAW ENFORCEMENT LOG</u>

The Cooperator shall maintain a daily activity log recording all incidents, accidents, visitor assists and public contacts, including warnings or citations issued. It is particularly important that any work (to include emergency responses and assists to AST) performed within the **Chena Lakes Recreation Area** (Lake and River Parks), that is leased to and operated by the FNSB, be noted separately for statistical purposes. A summation of the activity log shall be submitted to the Corps at the end of each month. Detailed written reports of major incidents such as traffic accidents, fatalities, theft, property damage, assaults and other such incidents shall be submitted to the Corps no later than the following scheduled workday.

Any emergency involving a fatality, serious injury, major property damage or credible physical security threat involving the dam shall be reported immediately to the Corps' Project Manager or Senior Park Ranger regardless of time of day.

#### 7. <u>COST OF SERVICES</u>

The hourly rate for law enforcement services shall be as follows:

<u>Item</u>	Cost/Hour	<b>Estimated Hours</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Officer's Total Hourly Rate*	\$ 53.76	880	\$ 47,308.80
Vehicle Rate**	\$ 34.47	920***	\$ 31,712.40
Overtime (Officer/)	\$ 67.55	40	\$ 2,702.00
Holiday (Officer/)	\$ 44.65	24	\$ 1,071.81

<sup>\*</sup> To include all insurance costs

\$ 82,795.01

TOTAL COST

#### 8. COMPENSATION TO THE COOPERATOR

The Cooperator shall be paid for services listed in this task order performed over the agreement period. No legal liability on the part of the Corps for payment of any money for performance outside of this task order shall arise. Additional work, if necessary, will be covered under separate task orders.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Vehicle rate is cost for depreciation and maintenance only and not for purchase costs.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Includes overtime hours

#### 9. BILLINGS

The Cooperator shall submit monthly invoices to the Corps, itemizing the hours of services actually performed and the hourly rates listed previously in Section 7. The Cooperator's log will be used as one method of verifying performance.

Invoices shall be submitted directly to the following:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chena River Flood Control Project PO Box 55270 North Pole, AK 99705

#### 10. PAYMENTS

Monthly invoices will be reviewed for accuracy and forwarded to the Alaska District Office in Anchorage for payment. The Cooperator will be paid only for those services received and approved by the District Engineer's Representative at the Project. The total cost of services performed during the term of this agreement may not exceed \$ 82,795.01.

#### 11. CORPS AND COOPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES

- 1. Mr. Tim Feavel, Project Manager, Chena River Flood Control Project, P.O. Box 55270, North Pole, AK 99705, telephone 488-2748, is designated as the District Engineer's Representative and Point of Contact for all matters relating to this task order.
- 2. Mr. Steve Dutra, Chief, North Pole Police Department, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, AK 99705, telephone 488-8459, is designated the Cooperator's Representative and Point of Contact for all matters relating to this task order.

### 12. <u>APPROVAL</u>

U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska

The date of approval for this annual task order shall be the date on which it is signed by the Chief, Construction-Operations Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District. This Plan of Operation shall remain in effect until modified or terminated for convenience by either party.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (To be signed after negotiations)

& Willen Cherolich.	April 25, 2014
E. Allen Churchill, Jr.	DATE
Chief, Operations Branch	

CITY OF NORTH POLE, ALASKA (To be signed after negotiations)

Bryce Ward

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# City of North Pole Office of the City Clerk/HR Mgr

# Memo

To:

North Pole City Council

From: Kathy Weber, MMC

CC:

Mayor Ward

Date:

4/24/2014

Re:

Ordinance Amending Title 1, Altering Code

In August 2013 we were awarded a grant from the State of Alaska for the City of North Pole Archival System. Included in the grant was the request to do a legal review. The legal review sent back finding within our code that needed to be cleaned up before we did a final republication of the NPMC. Attached are ordinances in Title 1 and Title 2 that are basically housekeeping and reviewed by the attorney for approval.

I recommend that the council introduce and passed these ordinance so our North Pole Municipal Code is up to date and clear.

Thank you.

1 2 The City of North Pole 3 **ORDINANCE 14-06** 4 5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, SECTION 1.12.010, ALTERING CODE 6 7 WHEREAS, changes to the North Pole Municipal Code is a continually changing requirement; 8 and 9 10 WHEREAS, the City of North Pole Municipal Code should be amended to conform to the requirements of the City and to clarify questionable areas. 11 12 13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of North Pole: 14 Section 1. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified. 15 16 Section 2. Chapter 1, Section 1.12.010 of the North Pole Code of ordinances amended as 17 follows [new text in underlined italicized red font; deleted text in strikethrough font]: 18 Title 1 19 Chapter 1.12 20 **Sections:** 21 1.12.010 Altering code. 22 23 It is unlawful for any person other than the City Clerk or City Attorney as provided in Chaper 24 1.08 NPMC, firm or corporation in the city to change or amend by additions or deletions, any 25 part or portion of this code, or to insert or delete pages, or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper 26 with the code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the city to be 27 misrepresented thereby. Any person, firm or corporation violating this section shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1.20. (Prior code §1-7) 28 29 30 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective at 5:00 p.m. on the first City 31 business day following its adoption. 32 33 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. 34 35 36 37 Bryce J. Ward, Mayor 38 39 **ATTEST:** 40 41 42 Kathryn M. Weber, MMC 43 North Pole City Clerk 44 45 PASS/FAIL 46 Yes: 47 No: 48 Absent:

North Pole Municipal Code Legal Review – Attorney Findings

**1.12.010 Altering code.** Because this section punishes every person who would alter the code, it punishes the City Clerk and all persons customarily authorized to alter the code. An exception, e.g., "other than the Clerk or City Attorney as provided in Chapter 1.08 NPMC," should be inserted by an amending ordinance. **Recommendation:** Does the City wish to amend this section by ordinance before republication?

## **Chapter 1.08 ORDINANCES**

#### Sections:

1.08.010 Effect of repeal of ordinances.

1.08.020 Amendments and additions to code.

1.08.030 Revision of Ordinances.

1.08.040 Improvement of Code.

#### 1.08.010 Effect of repeal of ordinances. SHARE

The repeal of an ordinance shall not affect any punishment or penalty incurred before the repeal took effect, nor any suit, prosecution or proceeding pending at the time of the repeal, for an offense committed or cause of action arising under the ordinance repealed. (Prior code §1-4)

#### 1.08.020 Amendments and additions to code. SHARE

- A. All ordinances passed subsequent to this code which amend, repeal or in any way affect the code may be numbered in accordance with the numbering system of the code and printed for inclusion therein. When subsequent ordinances repeal any chapter, section or subsection or any portion thereof, such repealed portions may be excluded from the code by omission from reprinted pages. The subsequent ordinances, as numbered and printed, or omitted in the case of a repeal, shall be prima facie evidence of such subsequent ordinances until such time that this code and subsequent ordinances numbered or omitted are readopted as a new code by the city council.
- B. Amendments to any of the provisions of this code shall be made by amending such provisions by specific reference to the section number of the code in the following language:

That Section of the Code of Ordinances of North Pole, Alaska, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The new provisions shall then be set out in full as desired.

C. In the event a new section not heretofore existing in the code is to be added, the following language shall be used:

That the Code of Ordinances of North Pole, Alaska, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered, which said section reads as follows:

The new section shall then be set out in full as desired.

D. All sections, articles, chapters or provisions desired to be repealed must be specifically repealed by section, article or chapter number, as the case may be. (Prior code §1-6)

#### 1.08.030 Revision of Ordinances. SHARE

- A. Subject to the general policies which may be promulgated by the council for the preparation and publication of the regular supplements to this code, the clerk shall revise for consolidation into this code all city ordinances of general applicability having the force and effect of law.
- B. The clerk shall edit and revise the ordinances for consolidation without changing the meaning of an ordinance in the following manner:
  - 1. Renumber sections, parts of sections, articles, chapters, and titles;
  - 2. Change the wording of section or subsection titles, or delete subsection titles, and change or provide new titles for articles, chapters and titles;
  - 3. Change capitalization for the purpose of uniformity;
  - 4. Substitute the proper designation for the term "the preceding section," "this ordinance," and like terms;
  - 5. Substitute the proper calendar date for "effective date of this ordinance," "date of passage of this ordinance," and other phrases of similar import;
  - 6. Strike out figures if they are merely a repetition of written words, or substitute written works for figures;
  - 7. Correct manifest errors which are clerical, typographical, or errors in spelling, or errors by way of additions or omissions;
  - 8. Correct manifest errors in references to ordinances:
- C. The clerk shall edit the laws as they are adopted by the council so as to avoid the use of pronouns denoting gender without changing the meaning of an ordinance.

### 1.08.040 Improvement of Code. SHARE

The clerk or the city attorney shall make recommendations to the council concerning efficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions in and the need for reorganization or revision of this code, and, at the direction of the council, shall have prepared for submission to the council ordinances for the correction or removal of the deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions, or to otherwise improve the form or substance of any portion of the code. This code shall be systematically reviewed for deficiencies, conflicts, or obsolete provisions.

Sponsored by: Mayor Bryce Ward Possible Adoption: May 5, 2014

1 CITY OF NORTH POLE 2 3 **RESOLUTION 14-09** 4 5 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FMATS CONSIDERATION OF THE NORTH POLE 6 INTERSECTION SAFETY PROJECT 7 WHEREAS, the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Santa Claus Lane is highly traveled and confusing for 8 motorist to navigate; and 9 10 WHEREAS, the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Santa Claus Lane intersection as well as the Old Richardson 11 Highway and NPHS Boulevard intersection are frequently used by parents and bus drivers 12 13 traveling to and from the local schools; and 14 WHEREAS, the City of North Pole has taken measures to help alleviate confusion at the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave 15 and Santa Claus Ln intersection; and 16 17 WHEREAS, many students cross these dangerous intersections during the school year; and, 18 19 WHEREAS, safe and efficient traffic flow is a significant consideration of our public. 20 21 businesses and schools; and 22 23 WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to protect public safety, promote and maintain local 24 business in the City as well as encourage economic development; and 25 26 WHEREAS, The City of North Pole is submitting the North Pole Intersection Safety Project to 27 the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation Systems (FMATS) for consideration in the 28 Transportation Implementation Plan (TIP). 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council supports the 30 attached FMATS consideration of the North Pole Intersection Safety Project. 31 32 33 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014 34 35 36 37 38 39 Bryce J Ward, Mayor 40 ATTEST: 41 42 Kathryn M. Weber, MMC 43 North Pole City Clerk 44 45 46 PASSED/FAILED 47 Yes: 48 No: 49 Absent:

#### Name of Proposed Project:

The North Pole Intersection Safety Project.

**Project Scope/ Description:** 

The City of North Pole needs analysis, design and construction of traffic improvements, for two intersections in the City with emphasis on pedestrian safety, road function and quality of life. The intersections in question are Santa Claus Ln and E 5<sup>th</sup> near the elementary school and North Pole High school Blvd, the Old Richardson Highway and 8<sup>th</sup> avenue. Since both projects are located very close to each other and address similar safety concerns we have chosen to link both projects together, design concepts should integrate the traffic flows of both intersections.

Santa Claus Ln and Fifth Ave intersection needs analysis of the traffic to determine the best approach to mitigating the confusion of navigating the intersection. Most traffic is north and south bound from the Old Rich across the train tracks to Santa Claus Ln. Traffic traveling north from the train tracks turning left onto Santa Claus Ln would often proceed through the intersection without giving right of way to right hand turning or through traffic from Fifth Ave. In 2013 the City of North Pole added a third stop sign on fifth avenue and three declaration signs to add clarity to the intersection, this has helped add clarity to the intersection. The current modified design of the intersection still promotes confusion and hazardous conditions for both vehicular traffic but also for pedestrians wishing to cross the intersections. The close proximity of the school and a frequently used park adds to the dangers of children traveling to and from school via pedestrian paths. It would be the recommendation of the City of North Pole that a roundabout be seriously considered in the design of a new intersection.

North Pole High School Blvd, Eighth Ave and the Old Richardson intersection needs Analysis to determine the best option for providing safety improvements for vehicles and pedestrians. Conditions at this intersection become of concern in the morning when school opens and in the afternoon when school lets out. Items of concern include turn lanes and pedestrian traffic crossing the Richardson Highway and bus traffic crossing the train tracks.

A concern with both of these projects is proximity to the train tracks and how an intersection would be adapted to this situation and also heavy truck traffic to and from the Refineries and GVEA. The increased traffic due to a natural gas facility being constructed adds to the need for improvements at this intersection.

Is there a commitment from a public organization to maintain this project if build? If so please identify that organization below.

As both projects are located on state roads maintenance would be the responsibility of the State of Alaska. If a roundabout project is recommended at the Santa Claus Ln and Fifth intersection the City of North Pole would enter into a maintenance agreement for the landscaping in the roundabout and to keep sidewalk streets cleared of snow and 3) Would you describe the public support for this project as broad-based, localized, or limited? Please provide a justification for this level of public support. Please see attached resolution for public comment and support.

4) Please provide a cost estimate for each phase of this project if available. For example: design, right-of-way, utilities, and construction.

Estimated Analysis and design Santa Claus Ln and 5 <sup>th</sup> ave:	\$350,000.
Estimated Analysis and design Old Richardson and NPHS Blvd	\$350,000
Estimated cost of construction Santa Claus Ln and 5 <sup>th</sup> ave:	\$1,500,000
Estimated cost of construction Old Richardson and NPHS Blvd	\$1,500,000

**Total Project Cost** 

\$3,700,000

- 5) If this is a road project please provide the functional classification of the road or roads. For example: arterial, urban collector, or local road. These projects would most likely be considered urban collector intersections.
- 6) Will this project improve drainage, decrease operating cost, promote efficient system management or improve overall facility condition? *Please explain:*

The project will promote better system management by ensuring the intersections are being used safely by pedestrians and vehicles.

7) Are there other benefits of this project? For example: national security, community development or otherwise economic benefits.

The North Pole Intersection Safety Project will help with the overall strategic planning and design of a theme city by ensuring our pedestrians and vehicles can maneuver our streets in a safe fashion. Other benefits include increasing the ease of maneuverability along our streets promoting individuals to stay in the city longer increasing the opportunity for commerce.



Sponsored by: Mayor Bryce Ward Possible Adoption: May 5, 2014

CITY OF NORTH POLE **RESOLUTION 14-10** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FMATS CONSIDERATION OF THE STREETLIGHT STANDARDIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF NORTH POLE WHEREAS, the Ford Subdivision, Morning Star Subdivision, and Highway Park Subdivision have no street lighting; and WHEREAS, many areas of the City core areas have inconsistent lighting; and WHEREAS, street lights are a proven piece of infrastructure that promotes safety and reduces criminal activity; and WHEREAS, the City of North Pole supports economic and community development; and WHEREAS, the City of North Pole desires to promote and maintain local business in the City; and WHEREAS, The City of North Pole is submitting the Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project to the Fairbanks Metropolitan Area Transportation Systems (FMATS) for consideration in the Transportation Implementation Plan (TIP); and WHEREAS, the City of North Pole is committed to its participation funding match. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Pole City Council supports the attached FMATS consideration of the North Pole Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project. **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. Bryce J Ward, Mayor ATTEST: Kathryn M. Weber, MMC North Pole City Clerk PASSED/FAILED Yes: No: Absent:

## **Name of Proposed Project:**

The North Pole Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project.

## **Project scope/ Description:**

The North Pole Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project would upgrade the streetlights in many of our older subdivisions and would illuminate several areas in the city currently not illuminated. The Project has four major areas of concentration: The City Core, Highway Park, Ford and Morning Star Subdivisions. (see attached maps) The City Core has areas of lighting that are not uniformly placed; many of the existing lights are unmetered with no service disconnects or as builts. The old lights poles and lights in the city core would be removed and replaced with new streetlights; it is our desire to have these lights serviced by localized circuits fed underground. Ford, Highway Park, and Morning Star Subdivision have no streetlights at all.

## Is there a commitment from a public organization to maintain this project if built? If so please identify that organization below.

All of the proposed streetlights would be maintained and operated by the City of North Pole. The City of North Pole is committed to maintaining and operating all city owned assets.

Has an Organization agreed to pay the non-federal funding match for this project? If so please identify the organization that has committed to pay the non-federal share.

The City of North Pole will pay the non-federal share if there is any.

Does this Project support all or some of the four goals of FMATS? The Four goals are listed below; please explain the relationship between these goals and this project. 1. Coordinate planning efforts to provide an integrated transportation and land use system that embodies smart growth principles and stimulates the economy to grow. 2. Provide a safe, efficient, secure, and interconnected multi-modal transportation system for all users. 3. Protect the environment, improve air quality, promote energy efficiency, and enhance regional quality of life. 4. Optimize the utility and lifespan of the existing transportation system.

The North Pole Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project supports the goals of FMATS. The Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project is an effort to standardize many of the substandard aspects of the lighting system in the City of North Pole that hinder our efforts to encourage smart growth principles and stimulate our economy to grow and neighborhoods to thrive.

The North Pole Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project would help provide safe, efficient, and secure walkways and streets in North Pole. The benefits of well lighted streets include and are not limited to increased pedestrian safety, increased vehicle safety and decreased criminal activity. By the project design we will ensure that our design will promote energy efficiency by installation of LED lights. Efforts to improve our lighting on city streets will enhance neighborhood quality of life and add to the utility and function of our current streets for all users (multi-modal).

## 1) Does this project improve community health and or quality of life?

The North Pole Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project will benefit the residents by illuminating areas of the city that have not been illuminated before. Better placement of lights in subdivisions with sporadic lighting as well as lighting in neighborhoods without current illumination will help improve safety of our residents. Safety would be improved by lighting our walkways which are frequented often during the dark seasons of the year. Concerns for the safety of children walking to and from school have also been discussed. Overall lighting would improve the safety for the pedestrian traffic as well as drivers of motorized vehicles. Studies have also shown that neighborhoods with street lighting have lower levels of crime and mischief.

## 2) Is safety a factor?

Safety is a big concern for the City of North Pole. Lack of as-builds and knowledge of the safety disconnects for some of the streetlights poses a liability for the city and the safety of our residents and employees. The lighting of non-lighted local streets is important to improve pedestrian safety, vehicle safety and decrease criminal activity.

# 3) Would you describe the public support for this project as broad-based, localized, or limited?

Public Support for the North Pole streetlight standardization and improvement project is broad-based although some issues are not as publicly known. For instance the lack of as-builds and knowledge of safety cut off devices is not a visible concern to the typical citizen where the lack or insufficient lighting may be. Public Support is also documented in a North Pole Resolution (see attached).

# 4) Please provide a cost estimate for each phase of this project if available. For example design, right-of-way, utilities and construction.

Rough cost for analysis and design of all subdivisions. \$400,000.

Estimates for construction by subdivisions as follows:

Highway Park Construction \$250,000
Ford Subdivision \$300,000
City Core \$200,000
Morning Star \$150,000
Design-Construction Total \$1,300,000

5) If this is a road project please provide the functional classification of the road or roads. For example: arterial, urban collector, or local road.

Most of the roads affected would be considered local roads.

6) Will this project improve drainage, decrease operating cost, promote efficient system management or improve overall facility condition?

The North Pole streetlight standardization and improvement project will add to the cost of maintenance primarily due to the increased number of lights and the cost of energy for lighting. The lighting project will also promote efficient system management and operation of our streetlights by eliminating poorly placed lights and standardizing streetlight voltage and design.

# Are there other benefits of this project? For example: national security, community development or otherwise economic benefits.

The North Pole Streetlight Standardization and Improvement Project will provide the city with a standard streetlight design for future subdivisions and developments. Neighborhoods may have a perceived increase in property value due to the upgrades.



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Proposed Streetlights

## **Morning Star Subdivision Street Light Project**



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