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INFORMAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
24-73-212470
ARRC LOCOMOTIVE UTILIZATION RELIABILITY AUDIT

Response Requested,

This form must be completed and returned to ensure receipt of future addenda or additional information. Email this form to: Hopem@akrr.com. All addenda will be forwarded to the contact listed below.

Firms that have not returned this cover sheet will not be informed of addendums and will only be alerted to addendums by checking with the ARRC procurement officer or by checking ARRC's internet site: www.alaskarailroad.com, select Suppliers and then Solicitations. Offerors must acknowledge the receipt of all issued addenda in their proposal submittal.

Company _____

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INFORMAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is soliciting proposals from interested offerors for the following:

24-73-212470

ARRC LOCOMOTIVE UTILIZATION RELIABILITY AUDIT

(ARRC is seeking a contractor to perform a high-level audit of the Alaska Railroad's (ARR) locomotive maintenance procedures. The audit aims to evaluate current practices, identify areas for improvement, and enhance locomotive availability and reliability)

Proposals will be received until 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME on November 14, 2024 via Dropbox.

One electronic copy of your firm's Proposal must be submitted using Dropbox. Proposals shall be submitted to the Dropbox link <https://www.dropbox.com/request/RYEdnniDE1167N6pcZXX> by proposal due date/time. It is the offeror's responsibility to verify with the Contract Administrator that their proposal was received timely. If your firm has restrictions on Dropbox submittals, you must contact your Contract Administrator at least seven days prior to the proposal due date to discuss alternatives.

File naming convention shall be: Firm Name-RFP#-IRFP Name

Pre-Proposal Conference: A pre-bid conference will be held on November 1, 2024 at 11:00 AM local time via WebEx. You may attend the pre-proposal conference via Webex by pasting the following link into your web browser.

<https://akrr.webex.com/akrr/j.php?MTID=me2f6ae03b9005731de5984b280954027>

This is not a mandatory meeting, although interested firms are encouraged to participate. A bidder's failure to attend the pre-bid conference will in no way relieve the bidder of the responsibility of performing the work in strict compliance with the true intent and meaning of the terms, conditions and specifications of this ITB.

FUNDING: The project is funded by Alaska Railroad Corporation internal funds.

The ARRC may award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to this solicitation will be most advantageous to the ARRC.

ARRC may reject any or all offers if such action is in the best interest of ARRC, and waives

informalities and minor irregularities in offers received. ARRC may award a contract on the basis of initial offers without discussions. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the Offeror's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint. Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall incorporate the Standard Terms and Conditions contained in this solicitation package.

This Informal Request for Proposal is not to be construed as a commitment of any kind nor does it commit the ARRC to pay for any cost incurred in the submission of an offer or for any other cost incurred prior to the execution of a formal contract.

Please direct all questions concerning this Informal Request for Proposals to Michele Hope, hopem@akrr.com.

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SECTION A STATEMENT OF SERVICES

1. Background

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is a non-stock government corporation that was established by Alaska Statute 42.40 to own and operate the Alaska Railroad after the railroad was transferred from federal to state ownership in 1985 pursuant to the terms of the Alaska Railroad Transfer Act, 45 U.S.C. 1201 et seq. ARRC is an instrumentality of the State of Alaska within the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, but has a legal existence separate from and independent of the State. ARRC is obligated to carry out its responsibilities on a self-sustaining basis without operating subsidies from the State. ARRC is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors appointed by Alaska's Governor ("ARRC Board").

ARRC is the last full service railroad in the United States, providing year round freight and passenger services over 611 miles of track stretching from tidewater at Whittier, Anchorage and Seward to the interior of Alaska. Additionally, ARRC owns approximately 36,000 acres of land used in operations and/or available for lease or permit use.

Further information about ARRC may be found at our web site at <http://www.alaskarailroad.com>.

1. Introduction

The Alaska Railroad is seeking a contractor to provide a high-level audit of the Alaska Railroad's (ARR) locomotive maintenance procedures. The audit aims to evaluate current practices, identify areas for improvement, and enhance locomotive availability and reliability.

2. Objectives

- Assess the effectiveness of current maintenance procedures.
- Identify opportunities for improvement in maintenance intervals and documentation.
- Develop metrics to measure locomotive availability and reliability.
- Benchmark ARR's practices against those of regional railroads.

3. Audit Phases

Phase 1: Documentation Review

- **Maintenance Documentation:** Review ARR's existing locomotive maintenance procedures and documentation for clarity, completeness, and compliance with industry standards.
- **Emissions Documentation:** Examine documentation related to locomotive emissions and associated maintenance procedures.

Phase 2: Facility Assessment

- **Shop Evaluation:** Conduct on-site assessments of the locomotive shops in Anchorage and Fairbanks, focusing on:
 - Shop layout and design
 - Availability and adequacy of tooling and equipment
- **Storage Procedures:** Review current locomotive storage practices to ensure optimal maintenance and accessibility.

Phase 3: Stakeholder Engagement

- **Interviews:** Conduct interviews with key personnel, including:
 - Management
 - Shop supervisors
 - Craft employees
- Gather insights on operational challenges, maintenance practices, and opportunities for improvement.

Phase 4: Maintenance Intervals Review

- **Review of Intervals:** Analyze ARR's current maintenance intervals to determine effectiveness and identify potential adjustments.
- **Locomotive Assignments:** Assess the allocation of locomotives to different routes and operations to optimize maintenance scheduling.

Phase 5: Metrics Development

- **Availability and Reliability Metrics:** Develop key performance metrics based on ARR's locomotive use and operational needs to monitor and enhance availability and reliability.

Phase 6: Benchmarking

- **Benchmarking Practices:** Compare ARR's maintenance and reliability practices against those of regional railroads with similar locomotive fleets to identify best practices and areas for improvement.

4. Deliverables

- **Audit Report:** A comprehensive report detailing findings, analyses, and recommendations.
- **Executive Summary:** A concise overview of key insights and proposed actions.
- **Metrics Dashboard:** A set of metrics for tracking locomotive availability and reliability.

5. Timeline

Task	Due Date
Documentation Review, Facility Assessments, and Stakeholder Interviews	January 24, 2025
Metrics Development and Benchmarking Analysis	February 14, 2025
Final Reporting	February 28, 2025

6. ARRC Provided Materials

Access to all internal documents, to include:

- Routine maintenance documents
 - Quarterlies, Semi-annuals, Annuals
- Heavy Maintenance records
- JDE work order documentation

- OEM's requirements for all emissions-related components
- Procedure for cold storage
- Locomotive Assignment Spreadsheet

6. Conclusion

This high-level audit of ARR's locomotive maintenance procedures aims to provide valuable insights into current practices, facilitating improvements that enhance efficiency, reliability, and overall operational performance.

SECTION B

PROPOSAL INFORMATION, CONDITIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-Submission Proposal Inquires

Proposers shall promptly notify ARRC of any ambiguity, inconsistency, conflict, or error which they may discover upon examination of the solicitation documents. Verbal inquiries regarding this IRFP are not permitted. All inquiries must be made in writing and received at ARRC's offices **five days prior to proposal due date** and the written inquiries must be submitted either by mail or email as follows:

Alaska Railroad Corporation
Michele Hope
327 W. Ship Creek Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Email: hopem@akrr.com

ARRC will respond to all or part of the written inquiries received through the issuance of a written Addendum to the IRFP, if in the opinion of ARRC, such information is deemed necessary to submit proposals or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective proposers. Oral and all other non-written responses, interpretations and clarifications shall not be legally effective or binding. Any Proposer who attempts to use or uses any means or method other than those set forth above to communicate with ARRC or any director, officer, employee or agent thereof, regarding this IRFP shall be subject to disqualification.

2. Proposal Submission Deadline

Proposals will be received until 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME on November 14, 2024 via Dropbox.

One electronic copy of your firm's Proposal must be submitted using Dropbox. Proposals shall be submitted to the Dropbox link <https://www.dropbox.com/request/RYEddniDE167N6pcZXX> by proposal due date/time. It is the offeror's responsibility to verify with the Contract Administrator that their proposal was received timely. If your firm has restrictions on Dropbox submittals, you must contact your Contract Administrator at least seven days prior to the proposal due date to discuss alternatives.

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Proposals received after the time and date set forth above shall be rejected. All proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must be signed by an individual with the legal authority to submit the offer on behalf of the company.

3. Proposal Open and Subject to Acceptance

All proposals shall remain open and subject to acceptance by ARRC for ninety (90) days after the deadline for proposal submission.

4. Proposal Opening

Proposals will be opened privately at ARRC's convenience on or after the proposal due date.

5. Reserved Rights

In addition to other rights in this IRFP, ARRC reserves, holds and may exercise at its sole discretion, the following rights and options:

- (a) To supplement, amend, or otherwise modify or cancel this IRFP with or without substitution of another IRFP.
- (b) To issue additional or subsequent solicitations for proposals.

- (c) To conduct investigations of the Proposers and their proposals.
- (d) To clarify the information provided pursuant to this IRFP.
- (e) To request additional evidence or documentation to support the information included in any proposal.
- (f) To reject any and all proposals, or parts thereof, and/or to waive any informality or informalities in any of the proposals or the proposal process for the IRFP, if such rejection or waiver is deemed in the best interest of ARRC.
- (g) To award a contract or contracts resulting from this solicitation to the responsible Proposer whose proposal conforming to this solicitation will be most advantageous to ARRC.
- (h) To negotiate any rate/fee offered by a Proposer. ARRC shall have the sole right to make the final rate/fee offer during contract negotiations. If the selected Proposer does not accept ARRC's final offer, ARRC may, in its sole discretion, reject the proposal and start negotiations with the next highest ranked Proposer.
- (i) If an award is made and, prior to entering into a contract, subsequent information indicates that such award was not in the best interest of ARRC, ARRC may rescind the award without prior notice to proposers and either award to another proposer or reject all proposals or cancel the IRFP.
- (k) To terminate the contractor at any point in the evaluation process or after award if the approved personnel become unavailable, are switched off project by the firm, or the qualifications are generally found to be inadequate. All personnel reassignments to and from the project will be approved by ARRC.

6. Proposal Costs

Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the preparation and/or submission of its proposal, and ARRC shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any such costs and expenses. Neither ARRC nor any of its directors, officers, employees or authorized agents shall be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the solicitation or collection of proposals. By submitting a proposal, Proposer expressly waives (i) any claim(s) for such costs and expenses, and (ii) any other related claims or damages.

7. Taxes

Pursuant to AS 42.40.910, ARRC is exempt from all forms of state or local sales, property and other taxes. Accordingly, any Proposer who submits a proposal shall not include any such tax in any of its proposal prices or in any calculation thereof.

8. Proposal Format

Interested firms shall submit one electronic (soft copy) proposal, containing a statement of qualifications and a concise narrative that fully addresses each evaluation criteria. Proposals shall have a maximum of ten (10) pages, inclusive of resumes and exhibits. A signed cover letter of a maximum two (2) pages should introduce the proposed firm, summarize the main qualifications of the firm, and include any other information the Contractor deems will emphasize the Contractor's ability to successfully perform the services required and demonstrate why selection of Contractor would be advantageous to ARRC. The cover letter is NOT included in the 10-page limit.

Important Instructions: To be considered responsive, Proposers must submit the following documents

- a: Bidders Questionnaire in Section F signed and notarized.**
- b: Signed proposal form (acknowledge all addenda, if any)**

9. Capacity to Perform

Any Proposer considered for award as a result of this solicitation may be required to make assurance to the Contract Administrator concerning the Proposer's capacity and capability to perform. Previous contracts of a like nature, financial solvency, and other information may be requested of the considered Proposer. Failure to provide assurances requested in a timely manner may be cause for rejection of the Proposal.

10. Costs

Other direct costs (ODC) on contracts incurred shall be billed at cost. If travel is required, ARRC will be billed per diem for meals and incidentals using the current Department of Defense rate. Airfare will be billed at cost with coach airfare only, no first class or business class. Lodging must be reasonable. ARRC will not pay for alcohol, valet parking, or expenses it considers to be exorbitant.

11. Purchase Obligation

ARRC and responding firms expressly acknowledge and agree that ARRC has made no express or implied promises to expend any dollar amounts with respect to the services addressed by this IRFP. By submitting a proposal in response to this IRFP, each firm acknowledges and agrees that the provisions of this IRFP, and/or any communication, statement, act or omission by representatives of ARRC (including consultants) in the selection process, shall not vest any right, privilege, or right of action in any Proposer.

12. Exceptions to Terms, Conditions and Specifications

Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall incorporate the General Terms and Conditions contained in this solicitation package. Each Proposer shall indicate all exceptions to terms, conditions, and specifications of this solicitation individually in its proposal. Exceptions received or placed after the proposal submission date will be considered as counter offers and as such will render the entire proposal non-responsive.

13. Public Information

All submitted proposals will be considered confidential until notice of intent to award is issued. After notice of intent to award is issued, all proposals will become public information.

14. Qualifications of Proposers

Minimum qualifications:

- At least 5 years performing services similar to scope and complexity of this project.

Proposers will be evaluated by ARRC based upon their demonstrated comprehension of required services and proposed strategy for performance, relevant experience and credentials of proposed personnel including any subcontractors, proposed schedule for performance, demonstrated knowledge of required services, and cost proposal. ARRC reserves the right to take any actions it deems necessary to determine if Proposers have the ability to perform the services outlined in the Scope of Work in a satisfactory manner. Such actions will include an evaluation of the Proposer's qualifications and references prior to Contract Award. Proposers may be disqualified, and their Proposals rejected, for any reason deemed appropriate by ARRC including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Evidence of collusion between a Proposer and any other Proposer(s).
- (b) An unsatisfactory performance record on prior projects for ARRC, or any other organization.
- (c) The appearance of financial instability (in the opinion of ARRC) and/or evidence that Proposer may not be financially able to complete the work required by the Scope of Work in a satisfactory manner.
- (d) If Proposer has failed to complete one or more public contracts in the past.
- (e) If Proposer has been convicted of a crime arising from previous public contracts.

(f) If Proposer is not authorized to perform work in the State of Alaska.

15. Alaska Bidder's Preference

For the purposes of evaluating the price evaluation criteria, the proposed price of a Offeror who qualifies as an Alaska Bidder shall be reduced by 5%. The preference will be given to Offerors who:

- (a) hold a current Alaska business license;
- (b) submit a proposal for goods or services under the name on the Alaska business license;
- (c) have maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the Offeror, or an employee of the Offeror, for a period of six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the proposal;
- (d) are incorporated or otherwise qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.05 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and
- (e) if a joint venture, are composed entirely of entities that qualify under (a)-(d) of this subsection.

16. Contract Period

The ARRC anticipates the contract period shall run approximately mid-November thru March 30, 2025.

17. ARRC Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program:

ARRC is an equal opportunity corporation that encourages the participation of DBEs as prime contractors and subcontractors on its contracts funded in whole or in part by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The ARRC has a race neutral DBE Program and does not set DBE goals on individual solicitations. Nonetheless, the ARRC aspires to achieve an overall DBE participation of 4.0% in federal fiscal years 2022-2024 on contracts funded by agencies within the U.S. Department of Transportation. If this contract is funded in whole or in part by funds from the FTA or the FHWA, it is imperative that you consult the Federal Terms and Conditions portion of this solicitation.

18. DBE Reports

Firms are required to report annually to the ARRC Contracting officer all work by DBE contractors or subcontractors and the dollar amount. ARRC will provide the Firm a 14-day notice, by email, when to provide the information.

19. Protests

A protest based on alleged improprieties or ambiguities in a solicitation must be filed at least 10 days before the due date of the bid or proposal, unless a later protest due date is specifically allowed in the solicitation. If a solicitation is made with a shortened public notice period and the protest is based on alleged improprieties or ambiguities in the solicitation, the protest must be filed before the due date of the bid or proposal.

20. Alaska Business License.

Per AS 43.70.020(a) a business license is required for the privilege of engaging in a business in the State of Alaska.

An Alaska Business License is required of Contractors who do business in Alaska at time of award. Information regarding applying for an Alaska Business License can be found on-line at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/BusinessLicensing.aspx> or by calling 1-907-465-2550. The business license must be in the name of the company under which the proposal is submitted.

SECTION C

PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is requesting proposals from interested firms qualified to perform the work described in the Scope of Services. This is intended to be an unbiased evaluation. ARRC reserves the right to determine that proposed services will meet ARRC requirements. ARRC reserves the right to withdraw this IRFP, reject any and all proposals, advertise for new proposals, or accomplish the work by other means including issuing only some of the tasks defined in the Scope of Services above, that ARRC in its sole discretion, determines to be in its best interest. ARRC may request additional information from any firm to make a proposal responsive to this IRFP or otherwise obtain clarification or additional information that ARRC, in its sole discretion, deems necessary to analyze and compare proposals.

Proposals must be complete as to the requested information.

Failure to follow this format in a proposal or failure to include complete information as requested will result in a lower evaluation and may result in rejection of the proposal. At a minimum your proposal shall address the following in order to be considered responsive:

1. Demonstrate relevant experience and credentials of proposed personnel. Explain your experience providing critical maintenance guidance, general understanding of locomotive maintenance concepts and the ability to write technical tasks for technical personnel.
2. Demonstrate experience bringing projects to completion on time under difficult circumstances.
3. Price Estimate

Price:

- Please provide a Firm Fixed Price for each task within the proposed scope of work. Cost shall be **inclusive** of travel, lodging and per diem costs.
- Please specify the hourly rates you will charge ARRC for the key personnel who will perform the majority of work on this project. These rates will be used for any potential future work that may be negotiated or added by amendment.
- Only one Vendor will be awarded a contract under this solicitation.

A Price Estimate shall include all tasks to perform the contract and be prepared in the format shown below. Note that a Price Estimate is not a bid. It is a negotiable offer. A Fixed Price contract is desirable; however, a Cost Reimbursement contract may result if a Fixed Price cannot be negotiated.

PRICE ESTIMATE FORMAT

Cost shall be provided in the following format for each of the SOW Tasks

1. Billing Rates. Provide a table with the following columns (Names required only for key staff):

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Rate (\$/hr) *</u>	<u>Estimated Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Total Labor \$</u> _____
<u>Subtotal Estimated Price for each Task.</u>					<u>Subtotal by Task \$</u> _____

2. Subcontracts. List each, the amount for each and **attach an estimate in the above format for each.** Total Subcontracts \$ _____

3. Expenses. (Equipment, transportation, food and lodging, reproduction, etc. - if not included in Indirect Costs.) Amounts shall be based on actual cost to the Offeror, without any markup. Provide a table with the following columns:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost (\$/Unit)</u>	<u>Estimated Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Total Expenses \$</u> _____
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4. Total Estimated Price for all Tasks. Sum of Total Estimated Cost Total Price for all tasks \$ _____

BILLING RATES are negotiated hourly labor rates which include compensation for all Costs (Direct Cost of Direct Labor and all Indirect Costs) plus Fee, except for allowable direct Expenses. Billing rates provided will be used for additional services, if required.

Travel Time and Expenses

The Contractor understands that reducing costs associated with travel is important to every organization. This is why the Contractor should attempt to conduct services remotely when possible.

1. Markup of expenses is not permitted.
2. Employees shall be considered in travel status from the time an authorized trip begins until it ends. An authorized trip is a trip approved in accordance with the contract. The duty station of the employee is the city, town, or village, or within a 50-mile radius thereof, where the employee spends the majority of their working time.
3. Below is Alaska Railroad's policy for Travel Expenses:
 - a) Mileage will be charged at the current IRS standard mileage reimbursement rate at the time of Travel.
 - b) If paying actuals for Lodging, Lodging shall be at the hotel's "government" rate (when applicable) and for single occupancy, not to exceed \$300.00 per day. Lodging receipts are required.
 - c) Airfare, car rental, parking, and other applicable transportation expenses will be charged at cost. (no first class or business class tickets are allowed)
 - d) Per Diem rates will be charged using the Government rate in effect at the time for the location (GSA Anchorage, AK)

All expenses will be recorded daily and invoiced upon completion of the engagement or included with progress billings, if applicable. Receipts will be provided upon request.

SECTION D

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The selection of a firm to perform the requested services will be made in accordance with Section E. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of advantages and disadvantages to ARRC using the criteria described in this Section.

ARRC reserves the right to select the top ranked firm based solely on the scoring of the written proposals and to enter directly into negotiations with said firm. However, at its sole discretion, ARRC may require the highest ranked firms to make an oral presentation to the evaluation committee. In this event, oral presentations will be scheduled and held via video conference. The selected firms will have an opportunity to summarize the information provided in their written proposals, expand on their capabilities, experience and proposed approach and work plan and answer questions from the selection committee. It is important that the primary individuals servicing the contract are present for this presentation. Scores obtained in the initial phase will not carry over to the presentation phase. Upon completion of the oral presentations, the evaluation committee will review the material presented and determine a ranking order for the firms interviewed.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

DESCRIPTION

1. Demonstrate relevant experience and credentials of proposed personnel. Explain your experience providing critical maintenance guidance, general understanding of locomotive maintenance concepts and the ability to write technical tasks for technical personnel.
2. Demonstrate experience bringing projects to completion on time under difficult circumstances.
3. Price Estimate

CONTRACT AWARD

Once ranking has been established, ARRC will begin negotiations with the highest ranked firm. If an agreement cannot be reached on contract terms, negotiations will be terminated, and negotiations will be conducted with the next highest ranked firm, until an agreement is reached, or until ARRC exercises its right to cancel the solicitation.

SECTION E

INFORMAL SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of a firm to perform the requested services will be made by an ARRC appointed committee or individual (Evaluator) which will evaluate the proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified herein and establish a ranking. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of advantages and disadvantages to ARRC using the criteria described in this Section.

ARRC reserves the right to select the top ranked firm based solely on the scoring of the written proposals and to enter directly into negotiations with said firm.

The Evaluator (Project Manager or other person(s) conducting the Small Procurement) will read all proposals received.

For all contracts, the Evaluator will select three Offerors that are among the best qualified to provide the services required, recommending then in order of best fit to perform the Scope of Work. If less than three Offerors are selected - the Evaluator will include a detailed, objective, written explanation in the Evaluation Report (discussed below).

If the Evaluator is not familiar with an Offeror's or a proposed Subcontractor's prior work experience and performance, the Evaluator will investigate experience and credentials, performance for similar projects, available written evaluations, and may contact persons knowledgeable of an Offeror's or a Subcontractor's responsibility. Factors such as overall experience relative to the proposed contract, quality of work, control of cost, and ability to meet schedules may be addressed.

An Evaluation Report (memorandum addressed to the Director, Supply Management) must be prepared by the Evaluator for all Small Procurements that may exceed \$20,000. The report will summarize evaluation activities and shall identify the 3 Offerors and recommended contractor for selection suitable for performance of the contract. The Evaluation Report shall include factual information, both positive and negative, gleaned from all proposals received for use by the Director as a summary of the proposals. In unusual situations where three Offerors are not recommended or a recommended contractor is not provided the Evaluation Report will provide an explanation.

The Procurement Officer will review the proposals and evaluation report. If any discrepancies are identified, they will be appropriately addressed with any action taken documented with a written explanation for the procurement file.

The Procurement Officer will provide the names of the recommended and qualified Offerors and copies of their proposals - including the Evaluation Report and cost - to the Director who will select one Offeror for contract negotiation. The Director will use discretion in considering for selection the Offeror most advantageous and in the best interest of the Alaska Railroad Corporation. Should the Director feel that the Evaluator recommended contractor is not the preferred proposal, the Director will convene with the Evaluator to review the basis for contract award, prior to decision making. Additional information which the Procurement Officer deems necessary to make a decision, will be obtained only through involvement with the Director and Evaluator.

SECTION F

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE (project specific)

PART I - INSTRUCTIONS

1. All Bidders/Proposers submitting a Bid/Proposal are to complete and submit all Parts of this Questionnaire with their Bid or Proposal. Failure to complete and return this questionnaire, any false statements, or failure to answer question when required, may render the bid/proposal non-responsive. All responses must be typewritten or printed in ink. All information must be legible.
2. Please state "not applicable" in questions clearly not applicable to Bidder/Proposer in connection with this solicitation. Do not omit any question.
3. The completed Questionnaire must be sworn to by a partner (if partnership), a duly authorized officer or individual (if a corporation or LLC), or a principal (if a sole proprietorship).
4. The term "Proposer" includes the term "Bidder" and also refers to the firm awarded the Contract. The term "Proposal" includes the term "Bid".
5. ARRC reserves the right to inquire further with respect to Proposer's responses; and Proposer consents to such further inquiry and agrees to furnish all relevant documents and information as requested by ARRC. Any response to this document prior or subsequent to Proposer's Proposal which is or may be construed as unfavorable to Proposer will not necessarily automatically result in a negative finding on the question of Proposer's responsibility or a decision to terminate the contract if it is awarded to Proposer.

PART II - IDENTITY OF PROPOSER

1. Proposer's Full Legal Name: _____
2. The Proposer represents that it operates as the following form of legal entity: (Check whichever applies and fill in any appropriate blanks.)
 - an individual or sole proprietorship
 - a general partnership
 - a limited partnership
 - a joint venture consisting of: _____
and _____
(List all joint ventures on a separate sheet if this space is inadequate.)
 - a non-profit organization
 - a corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the following state or country: _____
on the following date: _____
 - a limited liability company organized under the laws of the following state or country: _____
on the following date: _____
3. Proposer's federal taxpayer identification number: _____
4. Proposer's Alaska business license number: _____
5. Proposer's contractor's license number (for construction only): _____

6. Proposer's legal address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Fax Number: (____) _____

7. Proposer's local or authorized point of contract address:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

8. How long has the Proposer been in business? _____

9. Has Proposer been in business under another name? If so, identify name and dates used.

10. Does your firm consider itself to be an MBE, WBE or DBE?

YES NO

If answer is "YES," attach a copy of certification.

11. Number of employees: _____ including _____ employees in the State of Alaska.

PART III - CONTRACTING HISTORY

1. Has the Proposer been awarded any contracts within the last five years by ARRC, the State of Alaska, or any other public entity for the same or reasonably similar goods or services sought by this solicitation? If none, answer "No". If yes, on a separate sheet of paper describe those contracts beginning with the most recent. State the name of the contracting entity; give a brief description of the contract and the contract number, the dollar amount at award and at completion, date completed; state the contract period, the status of the contract, and the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person at the agency. Indicate if award was made to Proposer as prime contractor or joint venture. Proposer need not provide more than three such descriptions.

YES NO

2. Has the Proposer been awarded any private sector contracts within the last five years for the same or reasonably similar goods or services sought by this solicitation? If none, answer "No." If yes, on a separate sheet of paper provide the name and address of the contracting entity, a brief description of work, the dollar amount at award and at completion, date completed, status of the contract and name, address and telephone number of contact person as to each, beginning with the most recent. Indicate if Proposer acted as prime contractor or joint venture. Proposers need not provide more than three such descriptions.

YES NO

NOTE: ANY "YES" ANSWERS TO #3 BELOW MUST BE FULLY EXPLAINED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND ATTACHED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

3. In the past five years has the Proposer been the subject of any of the following actions?
- A. Been suspended, debarred, disqualified, or otherwise declared ineligible to bid?
YES NO
 - B. Failed to complete a contract for a public or private entity?
YES NO
 - C. Been denied a low-bid contract in spite of being the low bidder?
YES NO
 - D. Had a contract terminated for any reason, including default?
YES NO
 - E. Had liquidated damages assessed against it during or after completion of a contract?
YES NO
 - F. Been a defaulter, as principal, surety or otherwise?
YES NO
 - G. Been denied an award of a public contract based upon a finding by a public agency that your company was not a responsible contractor?
YES NO
 - H. A public entity requested or required enforcement of any of its rights under a surety agreement on the basis of your company's default or in lieu of declaring your company in default?
YES NO
 - I. Been denied a performance or payment bond by a surety company?
YES NO
 - J. Been required to pay back wages and/or penalties for failure to comply with state or federal prevailing wage or overtime laws?
YES NO
 - K. Been the subject of any proceeding undertaken by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission for non-compliance with federal or state securities laws or regulations.
YES NO
4. Does Proposer currently possess the financial, organizational, technical, equipment, facilities, and other resources necessary to supply the goods or services sought by this solicitation? If no, on a separate sheet of paper describe how you intend to obtain the resources necessary to supply the goods or services sought by this solicitation.
YES NO
5. Does Proposer have any present or anticipated commitments and/or contractual obligations that might impact its ability to meet the required delivery or performance requirements of this solicitation? If yes, on a separate sheet of paper describe any apparent conflicts as between the

requirements/commitments for this solicitation with respect to the use of Proposer's resources, such as management, technical expertise, financing, facilities, equipment, etc.

YES NO

PART IV-CIVIL ACTIONS

If “Yes” to Parts IV or V, provide details on a separate sheet of paper including a brief summary of cause(s) of action; indicate if Proposer, its principals, officers or partners were plaintiffs or defendants; define charges explicitly, by what authority, court or jurisdiction, etc. In the case of tax liens, please indicate whether the liens were resolved with the tax authorities. Please submit proof of payment or agreements to pay the liens. Complete details are required!

1. Violations Of Civil Law. In the past five years has Proposer, any of its principals, officers or partners been the subject of an investigation of any alleged violation of a civil antitrust law, or other federal, state or local civil law?

YES NO

2. Lawsuits With Public Agencies. At the present time is, or during the past five years has Proposer, any of its principals, officers or partners been a plaintiff or defendant in any lawsuit or arbitration regarding services or goods provided to a public agency?

YES NO

3. Bankruptcy. During the past five years, has the Proposer filed for bankruptcy or reorganization under the bankruptcy laws?

YES NO

4. Judgments, Liens And Claims. During the past five years, has the Proposer been the subject of a judgment, lien or claim of \$25,000 or more by a subcontractor or supplier?

YES NO

5. Tax Liens. During the past five years, has the Proposer been the subject of a tax lien by federal, state or any other tax authority?

YES NO

PART V-COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

1. Criminal: In the past five years has the Proposer, any of its principals, officers, or partners been convicted or currently charged with any of the following:

A. Fraud in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract, agreement or transaction?

YES NO

B. Federal or state antitrust statutes, including price fixing collusion and bid rigging?

YES NO

C. Embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, making false statements, submitting false information, receiving stolen property, or making false claims to any public agency?

YES NO

D. Misrepresenting minority or disadvantaged business entity status with regard to itself or one of its subcontractors?

YES NO

E. Non-compliance with the prevailing wage requirements of the State of Alaska or similar laws of any other state?

YES NO

F. Violation of any law, regulation or agreement relating to a conflict of interest with respect to a government funded procurement?

YES NO

G. Falsification, concealment, withholding and/or destruction of records relating to a public agreement or transaction?

YES NO

H. Violation of a statutory or regulatory provision or requirement applicable to a public or private agreement or transaction?

YES NO

I. Do any principals, officers or partners in Proposer's company have any felony charges pending against them that were filed either before, during, or after their employment with the Proposer?

YES NO

2. Regulatory Compliance. In the past five years, has Proposer or any of its principals, officers or partners:

A. Been cited for a violation of any labor law or regulation, including, but not limited to, child labor violations, failure to pay correct wages, failure to pay into a trust account, failure to remit or pay withheld taxes to tax authorities or unemployment insurance tax delinquencies?

YES NO

B. Been cited and assessed penalties for an OSHA or Alaska/OSHA "serious violation"?

YES NO

C. Been cited for a violation of federal, state or local environmental laws or regulations?

YES NO

D. Failed to comply with Alaska corporate registration, federal, state or local licensing requirements?

YES NO

E. Had its corporate status, business entity's license or any professional certification, suspended, revoked, or had otherwise been prohibited from doing business in the State of Alaska?

YES NO

F. Violation of a statutory or regulatory requirement, including any federal or state securities law or regulation?

YES NO

PART VI-FINANCIAL

Copies of the following documents are to be submitted with this Questionnaire:

1. Proposer's current Alaska Business License, if required by state law.
2. Proposer's Financial Statements may be requested: **(Not required for submittal)**
 - A. PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES: Financial information will be accessed on-line. However, if additional information is needed, it will be specifically requested from the Proposer.
 - B. NON-PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES WITH AUDITED OR REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Statements, including balance sheet, statement of earnings and retained income, with footnotes, for the most recent three years **may be requested.**

NOTE: ARRC reserves the right to ask for additional documentation if it is reasonably required to make a determination of integrity and responsibility relevant to the goods or services the Proposer will provide to ARRC if awarded a contract. All financial information provided is considered confidential and not subject to public disclosure under Alaska law.

PART VII -VERIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned recognizes that the information submitted in the questionnaire herein is for the express purpose of inducing ARRC to award a contract, or to allow Proposer to participate in ARRC projects as contractor, subcontractor, vendor, supplier, or consultant. The undersigned has read and understands the instructions for completing this Questionnaire.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, (printed name) _____, being first duly sworn, state that I am the (title) _____ of Proposer. I certify that I have read and understood the questions contained in the attached Questionnaire, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief all information contained herein and submitted concurrently or in supplemental documents with this Questionnaire is complete, current, and true. I further acknowledge that any false, deceptive or fraudulent statements on the Questionnaire will result in denial or termination of a contract.

I authorize ARRC to contact any entity named herein, or any other internal or outside resource, for the purpose of verifying information provided in the Questionnaire or to develop other information deemed relevant by ARRC.

Signature of Certifying Individual

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature of Notary

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

My Commission Expires: _____

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

A material false statement, omission or fraudulent inducement made in connection with this Questionnaire is sufficient cause for denial of a contract award or revocation of a prior contract award, thereby precluding the Proposer from doing business with, or performing work for ARRC, either as a vendor, prime contractor, subcontractor, consultant or subconsultant for a period of five years. In addition, such false submission may subject the person and/or entity making the false statement to criminal charges under applicable state and/or federal law.

SECTION G

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Professional Service Contracts) (Revised 3/4/08)

The following terms and conditions supersede the terms and conditions on the reverse side of ARRC's purchase order to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith and shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as though expressly stated in any such purchase order into which this document is incorporated.

1. Definitions.

"ARRC" shall mean the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

"Contractor" shall mean the person or entity entering into the contract to perform the work or services specified therein for ARRC.

"Contract" shall mean these General Terms and Conditions, the contract form to which they are annexed, and all other terms, conditions, schedules, appendices or other documents attached to the contract form or incorporated by reference therein.

"Services" shall mean any work, direction of work, technical information, technical consulting or other services, including but not limited to design services, analytical services, consulting services, construction management services, engineering services, quality assurance and other specialized services furnished by Contractor to ARRC under the contract.

2. Inspection and Reports. ARRC may inspect all of the Contractor's facilities and activities under this contract in accordance with the provisions of ARRC Procurement Rule 1600.9. The Contractor shall make progress and other reports in the manner and at the times ARRC reasonably requires.

3. Claims. Any claim by Contractor for additional compensation or equitable adjustment arising under this contract which is not disposed of by mutual agreement must be made by Contractor in accordance with the time limits and procedures specified in sections 1800.12 et seq. of ARRC's Procurement Rules, which by this reference are hereby incorporated herein.

4. Nondiscrimination.

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

4.2 The Contractor shall cooperate fully with ARRC efforts which seek to deal with the problem of unlawful discrimination, and with all other ARRC efforts to guarantee fair employment

practices under this contract, and promptly comply with all requests and directions from the State Commission for Human Rights or any of its officers or agents relating to prevention of discriminatory employment practices.

4.3 Full cooperation in Paragraph 4.2 includes, but is not limited to, being a witness in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; permitting employees of the Contractor to be witnesses or complainants in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination, if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; participating in meetings; submitting periodic reports on the equal employment aspects of present and future employment; assisting inspection of the Contractor's facilities; and promptly complying with all State directives considered essential by any office or agency of the State of Alaska to insure compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practices.

4.4 Failure to perform under this section constitutes a material breach of the contract.

5. Cancellation/Termination.

5.1 ARRC may, for its sole convenience, cancel this contract in whole or in part, at any time by giving written notice of its intention to do so. In the event of such cancellation, Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for services rendered or charges incurred prior to the effective date of termination. Contractor shall not be paid for any work done after receipt of a notice of cancellation or for any costs incurred by Contractor's suppliers or subcontractors which Contractor could reasonably have avoided. In no event shall ARRC be liable for unabsorbed overhead or anticipatory profit on unperformed services.

5.2 In addition to ARRC's right to cancel this contract for its convenience, ARRC may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate the contract in whole or in part in the following circumstances:

(1) The Contractor refuses or fails to perform its obligations under the contract, or fails to make progress so as to significantly endanger timely completion or performance of the contract in accordance with its terms, and Contractor does not cure such default within a period of ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of default from ARRC or within such additional cure period as ARRC may authorize; or

(2) Reasonable grounds for insecurity arise with respect to Contractor's expected performance and Contractor fails to furnish adequate assurance of due performance (including assurance of performance in accordance with the time requirements of the contract) within ten (10) days after receipt of a written request by ARRC for adequate assurance; or

(3) Contractor becomes insolvent or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or commits an act of bankruptcy or files or has filed against it a petition in bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings.

5.3 Upon receipt of a notice of cancellation or termination, Contractor shall immediately discontinue all service and it shall immediately cause any of its suppliers or subcontractors to cease such work unless the notice directs otherwise and deliver immediately to ARRC all reports, plans, drawings, specifications, data, summaries or other material and information, whether completed or in process, accumulated by Contractor in performance of the contract. In the event of termination for default, Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the amount to be paid on this contract exceeds the expense of finishing the work, compensation for additional managerial and administrative services and such other costs and damages

as ARRC may suffer as a result of Contractor's default, such excess shall be paid to Contractor. If such expense, compensation, costs and damages shall exceed such unpaid balance, Contractor shall be liable for and shall pay the differences to ARRC. The rights and remedies of ARRC provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

6. No Assignment or Delegation. The Contractor may not assign, subcontract or delegate this contract, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the prior written consent of ARRC. The hiring or use of outside services, subcontractors or consultants in connection with the work shall not be permitted without the prior written approval of ARRC. No such approval shall relieve Contractor from any of its obligations or liabilities under this contract.

7. Independent Contractor. The Contractor's relationship to ARRC in performing this contract is that of an independent contractor and nothing herein shall be construed as creating an employer/employee relationship, partnership, joint venture or other business group or concerted action. The personnel performing services under this contract shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control and shall be employees of the Contractor, and not of ARRC.

8. Payment of Taxes. As a condition of performance of this contract, the Contractor shall pay all federal, state, and local taxes incurred by the Contractor and shall require their payment by any subcontractor or any other persons in the performance of this contract. Satisfactory performance of this paragraph is a condition precedent to payment by ARRC under this contract.

9. Ownership of Work Product. Except for items that have preexisting copyrights, all exhibits, drawings, plans, specifications, notes, reports, data, recommendations, artwork, memoranda and any other information prepared or furnished by Contractor to ARRC in the performance of this contract (collectively "Work Product") shall become the property of ARRC and may be used by ARRC for any other purpose without additional compensation to the Contractor. Contractor hereby grants ARRC an irrevocable, perpetual, royalty-free, fully assignable license (with full sublicense rights) to use all proprietary and confidential information and other intellectual property that may be incorporated into any of Contractor's Work Product for ARRC. Should ARRC elect to reuse said Work Product, ARRC shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Contractor and its subcontractors against any damages or liabilities arising from said reuse. When Work Product produced by the Contractor and its Subcontractors under this Contract are reused by ARRC, the Contractor's and Subcontractor's signatures, professional seals, and dates shall be removed. If such Work Product requires professional signature and seal, it will be signed, sealed, and dated by the professional who is in direct supervisory control and responsible for the new project for which such Work Product is being reused.

Contractor hereby represents and warrants to and for the benefit of ARRC and its successors and assigns that no part of its work product for ARRC will infringe any patent rights or copyrights or utilize any proprietary, confidential or trade secret information or other intellectual property for which Contractor does not have the unqualified right to grant ARRC the license and sublicensing rights referred to above. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless ARRC, its successors and assigns, and their respective representatives, agents and employees from and against, any and all claims, defenses, obligations and liabilities which they may have or acquire under or with respect to any patent, copyright, trade secret, proprietary or confidential information, or any other form of intellectual property that may be asserted by Contractor or any other person which arises out of, results from or is based upon the manufacture, use or sale by ARRC or any of its successors or assigns of any of Contractor's work product for ARRC. ARRC shall have the right to select its legal counsel and control its defense in any litigation resulting from any such claim.

10. Governing Law. This contract, and all questions concerning the capacity of the parties, execution, validity (or invalidity) and performance of this contract, shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska.

11. Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act Requirements. No officer or employee of the State of Alaska or of the ARRC and no director of the ARRC or legislator of the state shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom. Contractor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions which could be a violation of Alaska Statute 39.52 et seq. Contractor shall not make or receive any payments, gifts, favors, entertainment, trips, secret commissions, or hidden gratuities for the purpose of securing preferential treatment or action from or to any party. This obligation will apply to the activities of Contractor's employees and agents in their relations with ARRC employees, their families, vendors, subcontractors, and third parties arising from this contract and in accomplishing work hereunder. Certain gratuities may be given or accepted if:

- (1) there is no violation of any law or generally accepted ethical standards;
- (2) the gratuity is given as a courtesy for a courtesy received and does not result in any preferential treatment or action;
- (3) the gratuity is of limited value (less than \$150) and could not be construed as a bribe, payoff or deal; and
- (4) public disclosure would not embarrass ARRC.

ARRC may cancel this contract without penalty or obligation in the event Contractor or its employees violate the provisions of this section.

12. Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that for and during the entire term of this contract, any information, data, figures, projections, estimates, reports and the like received, obtained or generated by Contractor pursuant to the performance of this contract shall be considered and kept as the private, confidential and privileged records of ARRC and will not be divulged to any person, firm, corporation, regulatory agency or any other entity except upon the prior written consent of ARRC. Furthermore, upon termination of this contract, Contractor agrees that it will continue to treat as private, privileged and confidential any information, data, figures, projections, estimates, reports and the like received, obtained or generated by Contractor during the term of the contract and will not release any such information to any person, firm, corporation, regulatory agency or any other entity, either by statement, deposition or as a witness except upon the express written authority of ARRC. ARRC shall be entitled to an injunction by any competent court to enjoin and restrain the unauthorized disclosure of such information.

Contractor's agreement of non-disclosure as specified in this section applies except to the extent required for (1) performance of services under this contract; (2) compliance with professional standards of conduct for preservation of the public safety, health, and welfare (so long as Contractor has given ARRC prior notice of the potential hazard and ARRC has had a reasonable opportunity to correct the hazard prior to disclosure); (3) compliance with a court order or subpoena directed against Contractor (so long as Contractor has given ARRC prior notice of such and ARRC has had an opportunity to contest the same in a court of law); or (4) Contractor's defense against claims arising from performance of services under this contract.

13. Covenant Against Contingent Fees. Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, individual, or firm any commission, gift, percentage, fee, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this contract. For the breach or violation of this warranty, ARRC may terminate this contract without liability

and, at its discretion, deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of the commission, percentage, gift, or fee.

14. Standard of Performance. Contractor shall perform its services with care, skill and diligence in accordance with normally accepted industry standards and shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, completeness, and coordination of all reports, designs, drawings, plans, information, specifications and other items and services furnished under this Contract. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances, codes, and regulations in performing its services. If any failure to meet the foregoing standard of performance appears within one (1) year after the services are accepted by ARRC, Contractor shall, at a minimum, re-perform the work at no cost to ARRC and shall reimburse ARRC for any additional costs that may be incurred by ARRC or any of its contractors or subcontractors as a result of such substandard work. If Contractor should fail to re-perform the work, or if ARRC determines that Contractor will be unable to correct substandard services before the time specified for completion of the project, if any, ARRC may correct such unsatisfactory work itself or by the use of third parties and charge Contractor for the costs thereof. The rights and remedies provided for in this section are in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

15. Warranty. In the event Contractor supplies equipment, goods, materials or other supplies in addition to services under this contract, Contractor warrants that said items: (a) shall be of good quality and free from all defects and deficiencies in workmanship, material and design; (b) shall be fit, suitable and operate successfully for their intended purpose; (c) shall be new; (d) shall be free from all liens, claims, demands, encumbrances and other defects in title; and (e) shall conform to the specifications, if any, stated in the contract. Contractor shall honor all guarantees and warranties offered by the manufacturer of the equipment, goods, materials or other supplies provided under this contract. The rights and remedies provided for in this section are in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

16. Indemnification. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold ARRC harmless from and against all claims and actions asserted by a third party (or parties) and related damages, losses and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the services performed or neglected to be performed by Contractor or anyone acting under its direction or control or in its behalf in the course of its performance under this contract and caused by any error, omission or negligent act, provided that Contractor's aforesaid indemnity and hold harmless agreement shall not be applicable to any liability based upon the independent negligence of ARRC. If there is a claim of, or liability for, the joint negligent error or omission of the Contractor and the independent negligence of ARRC, the indemnification and hold harmless obligation shall be apportioned on a comparative fault basis. The term "independent negligence" is negligence other than ARRC's selection, administration, monitoring, or controlling contractor and in approving or accepting Contractor's work.

17. Insurance. Without limiting Contractor's indemnification, it is agreed that Contractor shall purchase at its own expense and maintain in force at all times during the performance of services under this contract the following policies of insurance. Where specific limits are shown, it is understood that they shall be the minimum acceptable limits. If the Contractor's policy contains higher limits, ARRC shall be entitled to coverage to the extent of such higher limits. Certificates of Insurance must be furnished to the ARRC contracting officer prior to beginning work and must provide for a 30-day prior notice of cancellation, non-renewal or material change. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence of insurance or lapse of the policy is a material breach and grounds for termination of the Contractor's services.

17.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall provide and maintain, for all employees of the Contractor engaged in work under this contract, worker's compensation insurance as required by applicable law. The Contractor shall be responsible for worker's compensation insurance for any subcontractor who directly or indirectly provides services under this contract. This coverage must include statutory coverage for states in which employees are engaging in work and employer's

liability protection not less than \$100,000 per person, \$100,000 per occurrence. Where applicable, coverage for all federal acts (i.e. U.S.L. & H. and Jones Acts) must also be included.

17.2 Comprehensive (Commercial) General Liability Insurance: With coverage limits not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence and annual aggregates where generally applicable and shall include premises-operations, independent contractors, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual and personal injury endorsements. Said policy shall name ARRC as an additional insured and contain a waiver of subrogation against ARRC and its employees.

17.3 Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance: Covering all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with coverage limits not less than \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per occurrence bodily injury and \$50,000 property damage. Said policy shall name ARRC as an additional insured and contain a waiver of subrogation against ARRC and its employees.

17.4 Professional Liability (E&O) Insurance: Covering all errors, omissions or negligent acts of the Contractor, its subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, made in the performance of this contract which result in financial loss to ARRC, including securities law coverage. Limits required are per the following schedule:

<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Required Limits</u>
Under \$100,000	\$ 500,000 per Occurrence/Annual Aggregate
\$100,000-\$499,999	\$1,000,000 per Occurrence/Annual Aggregate
\$500,000-\$999,999	\$2,000,000 per Occurrence/Annual Aggregate
Over \$1,000,000	Negotiable-Refer to Risk Management

18. ARRC's Rights Not Waived by Payment. No payment made by ARRC shall be considered as acceptance of satisfactory performance of Contractor's obligations under this contract. Nor shall any payment be construed as acceptance of substandard or defective work or as relieving Contractor from its full responsibility under the contract.

19. Nonwaiver. A party's failure or delay to insist upon strict performance of any of the provisions of this contract, to exercise any rights or remedies provided by this contract or by law, or to notify the other party of any breach of or default under this contract shall not release or relieve the breaching or defaulting party from any of its obligations or warranties under this contract and shall not be deemed a waiver of any right to insist upon strict performance of this contract or any of the rights or remedies as to any subject matter contained herein; nor shall any purported oral modification or rescission of this contract operate as a waiver of any of the provisions of this contract. The rights and remedies set forth in any provision of this Agreement are in addition to any other rights or remedies afforded the non-breaching or non-defaulting party by any other provisions of this contract, or by law.

20. Savings Clause. If any one or more of the provisions contained in the contract shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this contract, but this contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

21. Headings. The headings of sections and paragraphs of this contract are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to restrict, affect, or be of any weight in the interpretation or construction of the provisions of such sections or paragraphs.

22. Forum Selection. The parties shall not commence or prosecute any suit, proceeding or claim to enforce the provisions of the contract, to recover damages for breach or default under the contract, or

otherwise arising under or by reason of the contract, other than in the courts of the State of Alaska for the Third Judicial District at Anchorage. The parties hereby irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of said courts.

23. Conflict of Interest. Contractor shall act to prevent any actions or conditions which could result in a conflict with ARRC's best interests. This obligation shall apply to the activities of Contractor's employees and agents in their relationships with ARRC's employees, their families, vendors, subcontractors and third parties accomplishing work under this contract.

24. Publicity. Contractor shall not release any information for publication or advertising purposes relative to this contract or to the material, equipment and/or services furnished under this contract without the prior written consent of the ARRC.

25. Audit. ARRC has the right to audit at reasonable times the accounts and books of the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of ARRC Procurement Rule 1600.10.

26. Internal Controls and Record Keeping. Contractor shall keep full and accurate records and accounts of all of its activities in connection with this contract, including, without limitation, reasonable substantiation of all expenses incurred and all property acquired hereunder.

27. Force Majeure. Neither ARRC nor Contractor shall be responsible for failure to perform the terms of this contract when performance is prevented by force majeure, provided that: (1) notice and reasonably detailed particulars are given to the other party and (2) the cause of such failure or omission is remedied so far as possible with reasonable dispatch. The term "force majeure" shall mean acts of God, earthquakes, fire, flood, war, civil disturbances, governmentally imposed rules, regulations or other causes whatsoever, whether similar or dissimilar to the causes herein enumerated, which is not within the reasonable control of either party and which through the exercise of due diligence, a party is unable to foresee or overcome. In no event shall force majeure include normal or reasonably foreseeable or reasonably avoidable operational delays.

28. Permits and Licenses. The Contractor shall, at its own expense, obtain all necessary permits, licenses, certifications and any other similar authorizations required or which may become required by the government of the United States or any state or by any political subdivision of the United States or of any state except where laws, rules or regulations expressly require the ARRC to obtain the same.

29. Environmental Protection. When performing all obligations under the contract, Contractor shall comply with all specific instructions of ARRC with regard to environmental concerns, regardless of whether such instructions are based upon specific law, regulation or order of any governmental authority.

30. Set Off. If ARRC has any claim against the Contractor related or unrelated to this contract, it may set off the amount of such claim against any amount due or becoming due under this contract.

31. Observance of Rules. The contractor's personnel performing work or services hereunder on ARRC's premises shall observe all fire prevention, security, and safety rules in force at the site of the work.

32. No Third-Party Beneficiary Rights. No provision of this contract shall in any way inure to the benefit of any third parties (including the public at large) so as to constitute any such person a third-party beneficiary of the contract or of any one or more of the terms hereof, or otherwise give rise to any cause of action in any person not a party hereto.

33. Entire Agreement. This contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between ARRC

and the Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This contract may be amended only by a written instrument signed by both ARRC and the Contractor.

34. Key Personnel Changes. Contractor shall secure prior written approval from ARRC for any changes of key personnel assigned to perform services under this contract. ARRC reserves the right to reject any of Contractor's employees whose qualifications and/or experience in ARRC's good faith and reasonable judgment do not meet the standards necessary for the performance of the services required under this contract.

35. Reasonable Best Efforts. Subject to the terms and conditions herein provided, Contractor agrees to use all commercially reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all action and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable laws and regulations to complete the work contemplated by this Agreement.