MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: November 24, 2026

NUMBER: **27-040**

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Award Construction Contract -Shungnak Fire Systems Replacement

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed $50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is Board approval for the contract for construction for Shungnak Fire Systems Replacement to Convergint for an amount Not to Exceed of $1,500,000.00.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

A DEED grant was awarded in 2025 to replace the Fire Systems in six schools. Noorvik's was replaced in 2025. Ambler, Buckland June Nelson Elementary and Kotzebue Middle High School construction work is in progress to be completed in summer '27. Shungnak is the only school remaining to have a construction contract awarded. System will be a non-proprietary system, Potter, to match that installed in Noorvik and Selawik, and schools listed above. Shungnak's scope of work is to replace the fire alarm system and repair and refurbish the existing mist sprinkler system to return it to operation.
As a system replacement project, the District can utilize the Sourcewell contract awarded to Convergint through a nationwide competitive bid process. This solicitation basically creates a per unit contract. As a member of Sourcewell, the District can utilize this existing contract saving time and money on procurement. Both DEED and District legal counsel approve the use of this contract format.

FUNDING SOURCE:

State of Alaska DEED Grant and USDA Community Facilities Grant through Rep. Begich office (pending final grant signing)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Construction Contract for Shungnak Fire Systems Replacement to Convergint in an amount Not to Exceed $1,500,000 as presented;

2. Do not Approve Construction Contract for Shungnak Fire Systems Replacement to Convergint in an amount Not to Exceed $1,500,000 as presented;

3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

4. The administration recommends the Board Approve Construction Contract for Shungnak Fire System Replacement to Convergint in an amount Not to Exceed $1,500,000 as presented;

ATTACHMENT:
None