

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: June 3, 2025

NUMBER: 25-166

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Contact
2025-2026 Alaska Humanities Forum

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's approval of the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Alaska Humanities Forum for a cost not to exceed \$657,762

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Alaska Humanities Forum (AKHF) will facilitate and oversee major components of the New Alaska Native Education Ilisautri Project, including managing the cultural Immersion (Culture Camp/Orientation) for new teachers, 2 gatherings in Kotzebue for C3 educators each year of the grant, and Partnership Meetings. This includes arranging and paying for travel costs associated with these activities. The total cost of these services, including partial salary/benefits for the AKHF C3 Program Director, Manager, and Coordinator, is \$657,762 for the 2025-2026 grant year (08/01/2025 to 07/31/2026)

Detailed Budget Included

Fully funding by grant fund 365 ANE C3 Ilisautri Project

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alaska Humanities Forum for the amount not to exceed \$657,762 as presented;
2. Disapprove the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alaska Humanities Forum for the amount not to exceed \$657,762 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alaska Humanities Forum for the amount not to exceed \$657,762 as presented;

Instructions for Completing MOA Form

1. You should have all of the information needed before completing and submitting the MOA. Please review the two-page MOA and if you have questions, contact Brad Eisel at 907-442-1822 or beisel@nwarctic.org.
2. If you are not the budget authority (BA) for this MOA, please get the BA's approval as shown by their signature on page 1, prior to submitting for approvals.
3. In the "Contractor Agrees To" section, please be as detailed as possible in describing the services to be provided by the Contractor, such as number of training days, type of service, etc.
4. In the "District Agrees To" section, list in detail what the District is to provide the Contractor for their services, such as reimbursement of air travel, lodging, ground transportation, per diem, miscellaneous costs (i.e. copies and faxes), and cost of services, such as daily rate, flat fee, etc. Do not enter Payment terms in this section.
5. In the "Payment Terms" section, detail the instructions for the payment(s) to the Contractor (i.e. to be paid in 4 installments as work is performed and invoice is provided, or one payment at the completion of services when invoice is presented).
6. The MOA Control # is filled in on page 1 and on page 2 Section B, after MOA has all required approvals.
7. Remember to give yourself plenty of time to complete the MOA form and get the necessary approvals and signatures prior to having the services performed by the Contractor.
8. This contract may be terminated by either party with a 30-day written notice.

Northwest Arctic Borough School District

P. O. Box 51 Kotzebue, AK 99752

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

MOA's for more than \$50,000 must be approved by the School Board prior to start of Contract
In a fiscal year MOA's to the same Contractor totaling more than \$50,000 must be approved by the School Board prior to start of Contract
Remember to follow federal procurement regulations when using federal funds to support the MOA

TAB BETWEEN FIELDS

Contractor: ALASKA HUMANITIES FORUM

Name of Company

MOA Control #:

Contact Brad Eisel for #

Address: 421 WEST 1ST AVENUE SUITE 200

Street or POB

ANCHORAGE

City

AK

State

99501

Zip + four

(907) 770-8420

Area Code

Phone #

Fax #

E-mail Address

Federal ID #:

Enter without Dashes

Or

Soc. Sec. #:

Enter without Dashes

Alaska Business License #:

974062

08/01/2025

Start Date (mmddyy)

07/30/2026

End Date (mmddyy)

☐ W-9 Attached

☒ W-9 Submitted Previously

Verify with Brad Eisel

Contractor Agrees To:

Along with the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the contractor will consult with Superintendent Terri Walker regarding staffing should any changes occur during the project period to carry out grant activities. If needed the contractor will also provide a list of any qualified applicants for consideration for any open positions. Any non-consumable supplies will revert to the school district at the end of the project period.

If additional space is needed, indicate here ☒ **See attachment**

District Contact Person: Joy Cogburn-Smith

Phone #: 907-442-1814

Ext

Email Address: jcogburn@nwarctic.org

Fax #: (907)

District Agrees To:

In addition to the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the district will pay for all billed services in a timely manner

If additional space is needed, indicate here ☐ **See attachment**

Payment Terms:

The consultant will submit service and expenses invoices to the district at least once a month for the amount of work, supplies or travel that has taken place within the specified timeframe.

If additional space is needed, indicate here ☐ **See attachment**

Enter Account Code as: XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX.410

Amount

Account #: 364.099.350.000.410

\$ 657,762

Total:

\$657,762.00

MOA Not to Exceed: \$657,762

Budget Authority Approval: _____

Approved September 2024 Board Meeting

Additional Conditions/Provisions

A - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All associated costs, not limited to fees and reimbursables, must be included in the MOA. All MOA's for more than \$50,000 require prior School Board approval before Contractor provides any service. (BP 3312)
2. The account to be charged must be determined and approved by the individual with budget authority prior to submission of the MOA to Brad Eisel. It is important to verify funds are available before submitting.
3. Prior to the starting date of the contracted services and/or activities, the Contractor and NWABSD must sign the MOA. The Contractor is not to be given a notice to proceed unless all the appropriate parties have approved and signed the MOA.
4. The District Contact Person will be responsible for obtaining the Contractor's signature and submitting the original MOA to Brad Eisel along with a W-9 for tax purposes.
5. The District Contact Person must approve for payment all Contractor invoices and verify receipts and backup documentation prior to submission for payment to the Accounting Department.
6. The Contractor must pay all expenses, and submit receipts for reimbursement, (airline receipt, hotel receipt, other travel related expenses). Mileage tickets are not eligible for reimbursement.
7. MOA's cannot be used for employee contracts or work agreements.
8. Any NWABSD employee who authorizes services prior to the required approvals may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. (BP 4118, 4218)

B - CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Check the MOA for contents and completeness. If the terms are agreeable, sign the agreement and return to the individual named as the Contact Person.
2. In accordance with the payment terms set forth on page 1, the Contractor shall submit a detailed invoice with the dates the services were provided and the appropriate documentation (copies of itineraries, airline tickets, hotel bills, ground transportation, etc.) to the District Contact Person for approval of payment. This **MOA Control #:** must be on the invoice.
3. As a condition of performance, the Contractor must pay all federal, state, and local taxes incurred by the Contractor.
4. A W-9 must be on file with the NWABSD or submitted with this MOA.
5. The Contractor must provide proof of any liability insurance coverage required on page 1 of this MOA.
6. To the extent allowed by law, the Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the NWABSD harmless from any liability resulting from or arising out of the acts of the Contractor in the performance of this MOA.
7. This contract may be terminated by either party with a 30-day written notice.

I HEREBY ACCEPT THIS MOA AND THE CONDITIONS/PROVISIONS CONTAINED HEREIN.

Any changes in the terms of this MOA must be on an ADDENDUM FORM prior to any services being performed. The ADDENDUM FORM must be approved by all parties.

Natalie Dickey

Administrative Services – Fiscal Approval

Director's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Terri Walker

Superintendent –Authorized Signer NWABSD

Superintendent's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Kameron Perez-Verdia

Contractor

Contractor's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yy)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between

The Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD)

and the Alaska Humanities Forum (AKHF)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between The Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD), herein referred to as "Lead Fiscal Entity," and the Alaska Humanities Forum (AKHF), herein referred to as "Partner Organization."

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a formal partnership between NWABSD and AKHF for the implementation of the Ilisautri Project (IL), aimed at increasing Alaska Native student achievement and engagement in Northwest Arctic (NWA) by decreasing educator turnover, improving school cultural responsiveness, and building strong school-community relationships through three core programs.

Article 2: Background

Ilisautri, meaning "teacher" or "to teach" in Iñupiaq, represents a collaboration that leverages the strengths of both organizations to benefit the students and educators of NWA. The project will implement the following core programs:

Creating Cultural Competence (C3) Model: Implemented by AKHF, this program aims to increase the cultural competence of educators in their first through fifth years with NWABSD. Activities include direct mentorship, coursework, and participation in a local culture camp.

EdRising Program: NWABSD facilitates this program for high school students. Through intra-curricular activities and expanded program offerings, it aims to cultivate a cohort of future educators from the local community.

Education Program at the Alaska Technical Center: Developed by NWABSD, this program targets adults, especially paraprofessionals, supporting their pursuit of teacher certification through a cohort model involving virtual coursework, mentorship, and in-person gatherings.

Article 3: Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 NWABSD (Lead Fiscal Entity) Responsibilities:

Serve as the primary financial overseer for the Ilisautri Project.
Implement the EdRising and Education Program at the Alaska Technical Center.
Provide necessary support and resources to facilitate the programs under this MOU.
Coordinate with AKHF to ensure program objectives are met.

3.2 AKHF Responsibilities:

Implement the C3 model to enhance cultural competence among NWABSD educators.
Collaborate with NWABSD in planning, execution, and evaluation of the C3 model.
Provide expertise and resources for the successful execution of cultural competence training.

Article 4: Financial Arrangements

The NWABSD, acting as the Lead Fiscal Entity, will manage all financial transactions and disbursements related to the Ilisautri Project. Both parties agree to comply with all financial reporting requirements and ensure transparency and accountability in the use of funds.

Article 5: Term and Termination

This MOU shall be effective, beginning with the date of the last signature hereon, and if the grant is received, ending upon the expiration of the grant project period, or upon mutual agreement of the parties, whichever occurs first.

Article 6: Amendments

This MOU may be amended or modified only by a written agreement signed by both parties.

Article 7: Signatures

This MOU is executed as of the latest date of signature below and indicates the agreement of both NWABSD and AKHF to the terms outlined herein.

For the Northwest Arctic Borough
School District


Name: Mrs. Terri Walker
Title: Superintendent of Schools
Date: 2/8/2024
Signature:

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For the Alaska Humanities Forum

Name: Kameron Perez-Verdia
Title: President & CEO
Date: 2/8/2024
Signature:

DocuSigned by:

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