

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 27, 2024

NUMBER: 25-018

FROM: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Award of Contract
Sturgeon Electric and
Delegation of Contracting
Authority

ABSTRACT

Contracts over \$50,000.00 require Board Approval.

ISSUE

At issue is approval of contract for the replacement of the fire alarm system and any associated work as required by the State Fire Marshal at Davis-Ramoth and Noorvik schools.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION

At the January meeting Board Memorandum 24-085 approved emergency procurement procedures for the replacement of the failed Selawik fire alarm system and delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent. Following this the District made its initial request for funding assistance to the Borough. Since this time, Noorvik's fire alarm system was also in distress, and replacement of this system was added to the project.

The project was bid in June. Two bids were submitted by the bid submission deadline on June 11, 2024. The low bidder was ultimately determined to be non-responsive as their bid did not satisfy the solicitation requirements. Sturgeon Electric was determined the only responsive bidder. Bid amounts are \$352,896 for Selawik, \$406,642 for Noorvik for a total of \$759,538.

District has been working with the Borough to secure project funding for several months. The Assembly is expected to approve the award of up to \$860,000 to the District for this work. The Borough funding amount will provide a project budget to cover construction, design, project management and contingency. The Borough's funding for Selawik will count toward the required match for the Davis-Ramoth Renovation grant which was awarded FY25 funding through Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). The Noorvik portion of the Borough funding could be used as match if the Districtwide Fire System project is awarded DEED funding in the future. District Administration needs board approval to award the contract to Sturgeon, The award of contract is contingent on Assembly approval of funding.

It is critical that the District be able to award and perform this fire alarm system replacement to remedy this safety issue at Selawik and perilous issue at Noorvik. If the contract is awarded in September, work in Selawik would occur in December of this year. Noorvik's work would begin in early January and be completed by the end of that month. To move forward the Superintendent requires approval to award the contract and the delegation of contracting authority to approve changes within the available construction budget, once funding is approved by the Borough Assembly.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the award of contract to Sturgeon Electric Company, LLC when funding is secured, and approve delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent, as presented;
2. Do not approve the award of contract to Sturgeon Electric Company, LLC, and do not approve

delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent, as presented;

3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board approve the award of contract to replace the Selawik and Noorvik fire alarm system replacements to Sturgeon Electric Company, LLC following Assembly approval of the funding and to approve a delegation of contracting authority within the project budget to the Superintendent, as presented.