

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** March 8, 2024

**NUMBER:** 24-098

**FROM:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Award of Contract Davis-Ramoth School Fire Alarm Replacement and Delegation of Contracting Authority

## **ABSTRACT**

Award of contract for emergency replacement of Davis-Ramoth fire alarm system.

## **ISSUE**

At issue is approval of contract for the emergency replacement of the fire alarm system and any associated work as required by the State Fire Marshal at Selawik School and delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent for this work.

## **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. The District coordinated with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and achieved approval for a shortened bid period.

RSA Engineering, Inc. prepared the technical specifications for the work. The District advertised the project for 14 days. The bid opening occurred March 8 at 11:00am. Three bids were received. Sturgeon Electric Company, Inc. is the apparent low bidder at \$213,000. Sturgeon Electric has performed well as the current contractor on the Buckland HVAC/Energy Upgrade project.

Bids Received:

<b>Sturgeon Electric</b>	<b>\$215,000.00</b>
Wolverine Supply	\$270,000.00
B&B Electric	\$299,195.00

Although the Board has already approved the delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent at the January meeting, because this is an unusual and unexpected situation the Superintendent wants to keep the Board fully informed and provide the opportunity for Board input regarding the award of contract.

The Northwest Arctic Borough is considering a commitment of providing \$750,000 for the replacement of the fire alarm system. It is recommended that a project budget of \$350,000 be allocated to this project to cover the total project costs including design, overhead and contingency.

It is critical that the District quickly perform the fire alarm system replacement to remedy this safety issue at the school. To do so, the Superintendent requires a delegation of authority to approve changes to the construction contract.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve the award of contract to Sturgeon Electric Company, LLC, and approve delegation of change order 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 change order 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 fire alarm system to Sturgeon Electric Company, LLC; and to approve a delegation of change order authority to the Superintendent, as presented.