

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: June 25, 2024

NUMBER: 24-168

FROM: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Award of Contract - Fire
Alarm System
Replacement Selawik and
Noorvik and Delegation of
Contracting Authority

ABSTRACT

Award of contract for replacement of Fire Alarm systems within Davis-Ramoth K-12 School and Aqqaluk Noorvik School.

ISSUE

At issue is approval of contract for the replacement of the fire alarm systems and any associated work as required by the State Fire Marshal at Selawik and Noorvik Schools 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. In March, project funder Northwest Arctic Borough added replacement of Aqqaluk Noorvik system to the project. District Capital Projects Manager has coordinated with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) for potential future reimbursement for the cost of the work.

RSA Engineering, Inc. prepared the technical specifications and bid drawings for the work. The District advertised the project for 28 days. Bids were due on June 14th at 11:00am. Two bids were received on time. Wolverine Supply, Inc. is the apparent low bidder at \$634,000. Wolverine Supply has worked on several projects with Capital Projects Managers Kathy Christy and Dena Strait, and they have performed well on those contracts.

Bids Received:

Wolverine Supply	\$634,000.00
Sturgeon Electric	\$759,538.00

Although the Board has already approved the delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent at the January meeting, 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 systems. It is recommended that a project budget of \$750,000 be allocated to this project to cover the total project costs including design, hazardous materials assessment and abatement, project management, district overhead and contingency.

Once a construction contract is awarded, it is critical that the District quickly perform the fire alarm system replacements to remedy these safety issues at the two schools. 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 Wolverine Supply, Inc. and approve delegation of change order authority to the Superintendent, as presented;
2. Do not approve the award of contract to Wolverine Supply, Inc. 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 and Noorvik fire alarm systems to Wolverine Supply, Inc. and to approve a delegation of change order authority to the Superintendent, as presented.