



MEMORANDUM

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Resolution 23-089, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Task Order for Geovera, LLC in the Amount of \$25,000 for Survey and Platting Services Related to the Kachemak Sponge Green Infrastructure Storm Water Management Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: City Council
Date: August 23, 2023
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Through: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

I. Issue:

The purpose of this Memorandum is to recommend award of a Task Order to Geovera, LLC for professional services to survey and re-plat properties the City will be acquiring, with the NOAA grant funds, for the Kachemak Sponge Green Infrastructure Storm Water Management Project (Kachemak Sponge).

II. Background:

With the adoption of Ordinance 23-46, the City Council accepted a grant, as a sub-recipient, from NOAA, through the University of Alaska Anchorage, acting for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR). This project involves some complex real estate transactions. Some of the land will be left undisturbed, with no storm water works built on it. This real estate will be preserved for conservation and as such, is eligible for the grant funding. Some of the land will have storm water works built on it, such as ditches, retaining ponds, etc. This land is not eligible for grant funding, but must be acquired with other monies.

Some of the real estate currently belongs to private parties and some of it belongs to the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB). The pathway from the current ownership to City ownership has a lot of moving parts. Some of the parcels need to be replatted to separate the land that will be acquired with grant funds from the land that will be acquired with other funds. All of the land needs to be surveyed. We invited three local survey firms to help with this work. We received proposals from two – Seabright Survey + Design and Geovera, LLC (Geovera). At first, we thought we could spread the work around,

but we came to realize it makes more sense to have one firm in responsible charge as the most efficient and accountable way to navigate the complex transactions. Both firms are highly qualified to do the field work and help with the platting processes. Geovera has a prior history of working in this neighborhood and involvement with the Kachemak Sponge project. Thus, we are recommending Geovera for the work.

The work will involve:

- Field surveying
- Boundary staking
- Staking the perimeters of the storm water works
- Identifying necessary and beneficial easements and ROW issues
- Designing a plat to separate the land that will be preserved for conservation and the land upon which storm water works will be built
- Conferring with the KPB and the Homer Planning Commission regarding platting exceptions

Geovera will be collaborating closely with the City's Planning and Public Works staff as well as with the funding agency and the Research Reserve as the work proceeds.

Geovera proposed to perform the work at an estimated cost of \$21,070. We recommend adding a small contingency for a total Task Order value of \$25,000.

The costs of this work are included in the budget set forth in the NOAA grant and thus, the City will be reimbursed from those grant funds.

III. RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council award a Task Order to Geovera, LLC in the Not To Exceed amount of \$25,000.