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NOTICE TO ALL DOTPF CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANTS CURRENTLY PERFORMING WORK FOR ONGOING PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECTS

All contractors and consultants currently performing work on projects for the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities ("DOTPF") are notified of the following:

- 1. In response to the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, the Governor issued COVID-19 Health Mandates 10, 11 and 12, which ordered the closure of many businesses, prohibited travel between Alaska communities, mandated quarantine periods for persons traveling to Alaska, and imposed social distancing requirements.
- 2. Under the terms of these Health Mandates, and the "Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order" as amended effective March 27, 2020, businesses providing labor and services for public works construction may remain open. Employees of these businesses are exempt from the travel restrictions and quarantine periods specified in Health Mandates 10 and 12, provided their employers have adopted a "plan or protocol" which outlines how employees will avoid the spread of COVID-19.
- 3. In cooperation with the Associated General Contractors of Alaska, DOTPF has developed a COVID-19 Management Plan that has been approved by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for utilization by DOTPF contractors and consultants in compliance with the requirements of Health Mandates 10 and 12. A copy of this plan may be downloaded at http://dot.alaska.gov/stwddes/desconst/assets/pdf/covid_response_master.pdf
- 4. To comply with the Health Mandates, all DOTPF contractors and consultants must either adopt the pre-approved COVID-19 Management Plan, or develop their own approved plan. Contractors and consultants who fail to do so may have work on their projects suspended until such time as they demonstrate compliance.
- 5. All subcontractors on DOTPF highway and airport projects must likewise adopt the pre-approved COVID-19 Management Plan, or their own approved plans. Contractors should not allow subcontractors on job sites who have failed to adopt an approved plan or protocol for avoiding the spread of COVID-19.
- 6. In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.5 of the General Conditions for Public Facilities, DOTPF will, at no cost to DOTPF, liberally grant contractor requests for additional time should they choose to postpone work activities in lieu of incurring additional costs to comply with the Health Mandates. Contractors who choose to proceed with work activities should do so with the understanding that under Article 7, Section 7.1, they are responsible for complying with all governmental orders, including Health Mandates, without further compensation under the contract.