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SUBJECT: Chief Engineer’s Directive – Special Notice to Bidders for Expired COVID Mandate

All DOT&PF regions will issue a Special Notice to Bidders of projects advertised after the date of this directive. Within the Special Notice to Bidders, regions should include the following language:

The Governor’s emergency declaration and mandates relating to COVID-19 expired on February 14, 2021. However, contractors are encouraged to review COVID-19 Response and Recovery Health Advisories that can be accessed at:

https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/

Contractors will still be required to meet any applicable local ordinances or requirements currently in effect, and comply with any future federal, state or local declarations or mandates that might be adopted while work on the project is ongoing.

Please add for projects that follow the Highway Specifications:

Consistent with Section 107-1.01 of the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, the Contractor will be responsible for paying all costs and expenses incurred to comply with any COVID-19 Health Mandates or Health Advisories in effect during times when the Contractor is performing project-related work activities. The Contractor will additionally be responsible for preparing any general or site-specific mitigation and response plans required for its forces, along with any attendant schedule delays or impacts.

Please add for projects that follow the Airport Specifications:

Consistent with Section 70-01 of the Standard Specifications for Airport Construction, the Contractor will be responsible for paying all costs and expenses incurred to comply with any COVID-19 Health Mandates or Health Advisories in effect during times when the Contractor is performing project-related work activities. The Contractor will additionally be responsible for preparing any general or site-specific mitigation and response plans required for its forces, along with any attendant schedule delays or impacts.

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This directive supersedes the July 21, 2020 instructions on COVID-19 related bidding procedures.

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