

If this item is pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion would be in order.

POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to award Area 1 – Botanical Resource Studies to HDR Alaska, Inc not to exceed \$85,000 and Award Area 2 - Botanical Resource Studies to Bethel Environmental Solutions LLC not to exceed \$75,000.



Memorandum

June 21, 2011

To: Jim Dinley, Municipal Administrator
From: Christopher Brewton, Utility Director
Subject: **Professional Services Agreement – Botanical Resource Studies - Takatz Lake**

Request:

This is to request Assembly approval to authorize the Municipal Administrator to sign Professional Services Agreements (PSA's) between HDR Alaska, Inc., Bethel Environmental Solutions LLC and the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) for Area 1 and Area 2 Botanical Resource Studies for the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project.

Background:

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Botanical Resource Studies was issued by the CBS on May 6, 2011 with an RFP opening date of June 6, 2011. Three (3) responses were received and evaluated. The base bid results are as follows:

Company	Base Bid
HDR Alaska, Inc. (Area 1)	\$83,575.00
Bethel Environmental Solutions LLC (Area 2)	\$69,981.09
Dowl HKM (Area 1 & 2)	\$183,481.00

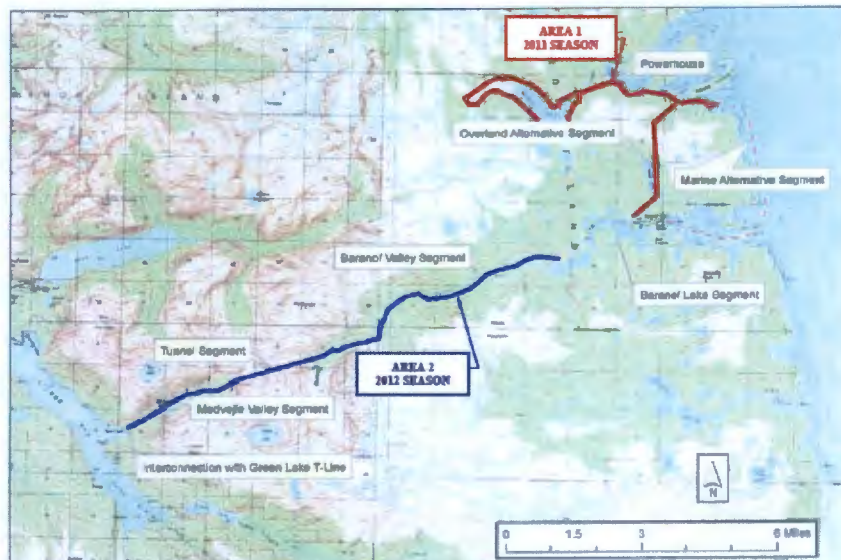


Figure 3. Study Areas for 2011 and 2012 Field Seasons. (From USGS Sitka A-3, 1:63,360)

Purpose:

On September 19, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) formally issued a 3-year preliminary permit to study the feasibility of the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project. Pursuant to FERC's approval CBS initiated proceedings under the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP) to investigate project feasibility.

Obtaining the necessary FERC license to construct and operate the project will require a thorough evaluation of all potentially impacted resources, including botanical resources. The primary objective of botanical studies is to document vegetation that might be affected by construction and long-term operation of the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project. Specific elements of the study are defined in the attached Botanical Resources Study Plan.

Evaluation:

The intent of the botanical proposal was to schedule the field studies over a two-year period beginning the summer of 2011. However, with the submittal of reasonable cost proposals from multiple vendors the opportunity exists to complete the field studies in both Area 1 and Area 2 during the summer 2011 field season.

Funding:

Sufficient funds are available in the Takatz Lake Feasibility Project to award contracts for Area 1 and Area 2 botanical resource studies.

Recommendation:

I recommend the award of Area 1 botanical resource studies to HDR Alaska, Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$85,000 and the award of Area 2 botanical resource studies to Bethel Environmental Solutions LLC in a not to exceed amount of \$75,000.

Cc: Jay Sweeney, Finance Director
Janet Schwartz, Budget Officer
Lesly Peters, Grants Administrator