

ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. G14-02

RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY RELATING TO PERMITS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND OTHER WORK ON THE PROPOSED AMBLER MINING DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD

WHEREAS, the proposed Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road (“AMDIAR”) is part of Governor Parnell’s Roads to Resources Program Initiative that is intended to support the infrastructure development for natural resources in Alaska;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (the “Authority”) has taken over responsibility for AMDIAR from the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities;

WHEREAS, permit applications need to be filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Department of the Interior, and other federal agencies for the review process on AMDIAR to be initiated under the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (“ANILCA”), 16 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq.

WHEREAS, the permit process will require an environmental impact statement (“EIS”) and a corridor right of way under ANILCA to be prepared under the direction of the federal agencies, and the Staff of the Authority is in the process of requesting proposals from third-party contractors to provide professional services in preparing an EIS and related federal permits for AMDIAR;

WHEREAS, the preparation of an EIS and the other activities involved in the permitting process will provide important data, analysis and other information for the Authority to consider in making decisions about financing the development of AMDIAR;

WHEREAS, the Staff of the Authority have consulted with, and are continuing to obtain seek input from, other State agencies, local governments, tribes, ANCSA Native Corporations, mining companies and other interested parties regarding the possible development of AMDIAR;

WHEREAS, AMDIAR qualifies as a “development project” under AS 44.88.900(4) & (10)(A) so that the Authority, consistent with its governing statutes, can finance AMDIAR through a public-private partnership or other appropriate financing arrangement; and

WHEREAS, in section 1 of chapter 16 of the 2013 Session Laws of Alaska, the Alaska Legislature appropriated to the Authority \$8,500,000 for use in pursuing AMDIAR, including applications for permits and the preparation of an EIS with respect to the proposed project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Authority shall apply for the permits needed for the development of AMDIAR, including any federal permits that may be required. The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized and directed to submit in the name of and on behalf of the Authority all applications and all other documentation necessary in order to apply for any permits.

Section 2. The Authority shall contract with a third-party contractor to prepare an EIS for AMDIAR under the direction of the federal agencies. The third-party contractor shall be selected through the Authority’s procurement process, subject to the approval of the federal agencies if necessary. The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute and deliver a contract to the third-party contractor selected to prepare the EIS for AMDIAR.

Section 3. The Authority shall continue to pursue the development of AMDIAR, which efforts shall include continuing to consult with and seek input from interested persons and organizations about the proposed project.

Section 4. The costs of the Authority's efforts in pursuing AMDIAR, including but not limited to the cost of the third-party contractor engaged to prepare the EIS and related permits, shall be paid out of the legislative appropriation made to the Authority in section 1 of chapter 16 of the 2013 Session Laws of Alaska.


Section 5. The Executive Director is authorized to take any other actions and to sign any other documents that he determines are necessary or advisable in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska on this 24th day of April, 2014.

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Chair



Secretary