



**Department of Transportation & Public Facilities**  
**Statewide Design & Engineering Services Division**

Phone: 907-465-2975

Fax: 907-465-3124

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Distribution

**DATE:** March 5, 2021

**FROM:** Carolyn H. Morehouse, P.E. *CHM*  
Chief Engineer

**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.*

*“Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure.”*

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

Distribution:

Ryan Anderson, P.E., Regional Director, Northern Region,  
Luke Bowland, Aviation Design Chief, Central Region,  
Rob Carpenter, Deputy Commissioner, DOT&PF,  
Mike Chambers, Statewide Publication Specialist, D&CS, Statewide,  
Charlie Deininger, Chief Contracts Officer, Statewide,  
Max Garner, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law,  
Chris Goins, P.E., Construction Engineer, Southcoast Region,  
Lars Gregovich, P.E., Statewide Preconstruction Engineer, D&CS, Statewide,  
Jeff Jeffers, P.E., Statewide Specifications Engineer, D&CS, Statewide,  
Jeff Jenkins, Contracts Chief, Southcoast Region,  
Wolfgang Junge, P.E., Regional Director, Central Region,  
John Linnell, P.E., Preconstruction Engineer, Central Region,  
Mike Lund, P.E., Construction Engineer, Northern Region,  
D. Lance Mearig, P.E., Regional Director, Southcoast Region,  
Kirk Miller, P.E., Preconstruction Engineer, Southcoast Region,  
Rich Pratt, P.E., Chief Bridge Engineer, Statewide,  
Diana Rotkis, Deputy Regional Director, Central Region,  
Sarah Schacher, P.E., Preconstruction Engineer, Northern Region,  
Sharon Smith, P.E., Chief of Contracts, Central Region,  
Joel St. Aubin, P.E., Construction Engineer, Central Region,  
Barbara Tanner, P.E., Contracts Engineer, Northern Region,  
Matt Walker, P.E., State Traffic & Safety Engineer, Statewide,