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January 19, 2022

INVITATION TO BID
22-06-310940
Eighteen (18) SD 70 Mac REB Outright Traction Motors

Response Requested,

This form must be completed and returned to insure receipt of future addenda or additional information. Fax this form to (907) 265-2439 or email to: walkerr@akrr.com
All addenda will be forwarded to the contact name and number listed below.

Firms that have not returned this cover sheet will not be informed of addendums and will only be alerted to addendums by checking with the ARRC procurement officer or by checking ARRC's internet site: www.alaskarailroad.com, select Corporate and then Procurement, Solicitations. Bidders must acknowledge the receipt of all issued addendums in their proposal/bid submittal.

Company _____

Address _____

Contact _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email address _____

Website: www.alaskarailroad.com



INVITATION TO BID (ITB) NUMBER: 22-06-310940

REB Outright Traction Motors

THIS IS NOT AN ORDER

DATE ITB ISSUED: January 19, 2022

EMAILED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED, SEND TO: Walkerr@akrr.com

Alaska Railroad Corporation
327 West Ship Creek Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

UNTIL 3:00 PM LOCAL TIME, FEBRUARY 9, 2022, THE EMAILED BID SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE TITLE WHEN SUBMITTED:

- 1: Offeror's Name
- 2: Date and Time for receipt of offer
- 3: ITB Solicitation number

***Only send required documentation, not the entire ITB solicitation**

The Alaska Railroad Corporation ("ARRC") is soliciting bids from interested parties to supply 18 each SD70MAC REB Outright Traction Motors (TM 2630 OR EQUAL) as specified herein, arriving no more than 30 days after award. Interested parties are invited to submit a bid to supply said items to ARRC. Bids must be submitted on the bid form contained herein and must be mailed or emailed to the above address. Bids received via facsimile transmission will be considered non-responsive. The bid shall be in a sealed envelope with the bid number 22-06-310940 clearly printed on the face of the envelope. Bids must be complete and in U.S. dollars. See instructions and conditions enclosed herein.

Please direct all responses and/or questions concerning this Invitation to Bid to Rob Walker, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Supply Management, 327 W. Ship Creek Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, telephone number 907-265-2218, fax number 907-265-2439, or email at walkerr@akrr.com

All questions must be asked prior to close of business February 4, 2022.

ARRC Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program: ARRC is an equal opportunity corporation that encourages the participation of DBEs as prime contractors and subcontractors on its contracts funded in whole or in part by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The ARRC has a race neutral DBE Program and does not set DBE goals on individual solicitations. Nonetheless, the ARRC aspires to achieve an overall DBE participation on federal contracts of 3% in FY 2019-2021. If this contract is funded

in whole or in part by funds from the FTA or the FHWA, it is imperative that you consult the Federal Terms and Conditions portion of this solicitation.



The Alaska Railroad is a member of Green Star (<http://www.greenstarinc.org/>). ARRC earned an initial Green Star Award in 1994 and a Green Star Air Quality Award in 2007. The Alaska Railroad considers Green Star membership to be a positive business attribute, and regards a Green Star award as a tangible sign of an organization's commitment to environmental stewardship and continual improvement within its operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Rob Walker
Contract Administrator
Alaska Railroad Corporation

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SUBMITTALS: Bids will not be considered if the following documents are not completely filled out and submitted at the time of bidding:

1. Supply Bid Form
2. Cost Schedule
3. Bidder's Questionnaire

APPENDIX A

ALASKA BIDDERS PREFERENCE

1. ALASKA BIDDER PREFERENCE: Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder after an Alaska bidder preference of five percent (5%) has been applied. The preference will be given to a person who: (1) holds a current Alaska business license at the time designated in the invitation to bid for bid opening; (2) submits a bid for goods or services under the name on the Alaska business license; (3) has maintained a place of business within the state staffed by the bidder, or an employee of the bidder, for a period of six months immediately preceding the date of the bid; (4) is incorporated or qualified to do business under the laws of the state, is a sole proprietorship and the proprietor is a resident of the state, is a limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 and all members are residents of the state, or is a partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 and all partners are residents of the state; and, (5) if a joint venture, is composed entirely of ventures that qualify under (1) - (4) of this subsection.

2. ALASKA VETERAN PREFERENCE: If a bidder qualifies for the Alaska bidder preference and is a qualifying entity as defined herein, they will be awarded an Alaska veteran preference of five percent (5%). The preference will be given to a (1) sole proprietorship owned by an Alaska veteran; (2) partnership under AS 32.06 or AS 32.11 if a majority of the partners are Alaska veterans; (3) limited liability company organized under AS 10.50 if a majority of the members are Alaska veterans; or (4) corporation that is wholly owned by individuals and a majority of the individuals are Alaska veterans, and may not exceed \$5,000. The bidder must also add value by actually performing, controlling, managing, and supervising the services provided, or for supplies, the bidder must have sold supplies of the general nature solicited to other state agencies, other governments, or the general public.

In order to receive the Alaska Bidder Preference and/or Alaskan Veteran Preference, the bid must also include a statement certifying that the bidder is eligible to receive said preferences. The application of preferences is for bid evaluation purposes only.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Items to be purchased through this solicitation are important to the operation of the ARRC. Vendors who respond to this solicitation must meet the following minimum qualifications in order to be considered responsive:

1. Be the original manufacturer, or a distributor/dealer authorized by the original manufacturer to serve the State of Alaska; and
2. Be able to provide audited financial statements demonstrating the financial ability to meet the requirements of any order that may result from this solicitation if asked to do so.

The ARRC may conduct an inspection of the supplier's facility to include its offices and inventory of the items being solicited prior to contract award. All offers submitted in response to this solicitation must be signed by an individual with the legal authority to submit the offer on behalf of the company. Bids/Proposals from vendors that do not meet the above qualifications will not be considered.

**APPENDIX B
ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION
SUPPLY BID FORM**

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

To the CONTRACTING OFFICER, ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION:

In compliance with your Invitation for Bid No. _____, dated _____, the Undersigned proposes to furnish and deliver all the supplies, materials or equipment and perform all the work required in said Invitation according to the specifications and requirements contained therein and for the amount and prices named herein as indicated on the Cost Schedule, which is made a part of this Bid.

The Undersigned hereby agrees to execute the said contract and bonds, if any, within **Ten (10) Calendar Days**, or such further time as may be allowed in writing by the Contracting Officer, after receiving notification of the acceptance of this Bid, and it is hereby mutually understood and agreed that in case the Undersigned does not, the accompanying bid guarantee, if any, shall be forfeited to the Alaska Railroad Corporation as liquidated damages, and said Contracting Officer may proceed to award the contract to others.

The Undersigned agrees to commence performance within **Ten (10) Calendar Days** after the effective date of the Notice to Proceed and to complete performance by _____, unless extended in writing by the Contracting Officer.

The Undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda to the requirements and/or specifications for this Invitation for Bids (give number and date of each).

Addendum Number/Dated	Addendum Number/Dated	Addendum Number/Dated
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

The Undersigned declares, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that neither he/she nor the firm, association, or corporation of which he/she is a member, has, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this Bid.

The Undersigned has read the foregoing proposal and hereby agrees to the conditions stated therein by affixing his/her signature below:

Name and Title of Person Signing

Signature

Telephone Number

Email

(Form 395-0132)

APPENDIX C

SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any resulting contract from this Invitation to Bid shall incorporate the following terms and conditions contained in this bid package.

Method of Bidding:

Bids must be submitted in the spaces provided on the bid sheets of this invitation in accordance with the conditions of bid as stated herein. The bid will not be considered to be complete unless all spaces have been filled. Consideration for award will be provided to complete bids only. If a bidder wishes to supply additional information, it may include same along with the bid in the sealed bid envelope.

ARRC Rights in Regard to Bid:

The Alaska Railroad Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in bids, to accept in whole or in part such bid or bids as may be deemed in the best interest of the purchaser.

ASSIGNMENT:

The agreement to be established as a result of this solicitation shall not be assigned by the contractor in whole or in part without the express written consent of the Alaska Railroad Corporation, nor shall the contractor have the right to authorize or permit the use of the Alaska Railroad Corporation's equipment or service facilities by third parties without the express written consent of the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

HOLD HARMLESS:

The contractor shall indemnify the Alaska Railroad Corporation against liability and hold it harmless from loss in respect to any and all claims and demands whatsoever rising out of the performance of this agreement, save and except the contractor shall not be liable for acts of negligence of Alaska Railroad Corporation employees acting within the scope of their employment. The Alaska Railroad Corporation shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the bidder in bid preparation.

WARRANTY:

Contractor shall warrant all equipment offered to be free of defects in materials and workmanship. In the event of defects in materials and workmanship, Contractor's liability obligations shall be to repair or replace defective parts from the date the Contractor is notified of the defects.

The Contractor shall deliver the equipment to the Delivery Point in first class operating condition and equipped with all required devices so as to operate under safe, efficient, economical and continuous service. If the equipment is not delivered in accordance with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor shall promptly remedy the nonconforming conditions or remove the equipment from the Delivery Point within forty-eight (48) hours after notice to do so from ARRC, and ARRC shall not be liable for any rental, transportation or other charges or expenses.

GOVERNING LAW:

This contract shall be governed by all applicable Federal, State and Municipal laws. All concerning actions shall be brought in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska.

SIGNATURE:

All offers shall be signed by an individual authorized to bind the respondent to its provisions, dated, have proper address, and provide contact telephone number. Prices will be firm for ninety (90) days from the closing date of this solicitation. Prices accepted for an award will be firm throughout the duration of the contract.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Any resulting contract from this Invitation to Bid shall incorporate the attached general terms and conditions contained in this bid package.

METHOD OF BIDDING:

Bids must be submitted in the spaces provided on the bid sheets of this invitation in accordance with the conditions of bid as stated herein. The bid will not be considered to be complete unless all spaces have been filled in. Consideration for award will be provided to complete bids only. If a bidder wishes to supply additional information, it may include same along with the bid in the sealed bid envelope.

PRICES:

Prices will be firm for duration of contract after bid opening date.

ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION RIGHTS IN REGARD TO BID:

The Alaska Railroad Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in bids, to accept in whole or in part such bid or bids as may be deemed in the best interest of the ARRC.

BIDDER/VENDOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE CAUTIONED TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THIS CLAUSE.

Bidder/contractor imposed terms and conditions which conflict with this Invitation to Bid terms and conditions are considered counter offers and, as such, will cause the Alaska Railroad Corporation to consider the bid non-responsive.

If a bidder attaches additional terms and conditions as part of the bid, such attachments must be accompanied by a disclaimer stating that in the event of conflict between the terms and conditions of this Invitation to Bid and the terms and conditions of the bidder/contractor, the terms and conditions of the Invitation to Bid will prevail.

F.O.B. POINT:

All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Origin. Transportation to Alaska will be arranged and paid for by ARRC. Please note that shipping will be calculated from origin and used to determine to whom the contract will be awarded.

Note: Each bidder shall indicate compliance or exception to the specification item in the bid response.

APPENDIX D

COST SCHEDULE

A bidder's failure to provide the information requested in this appendix will be cause for rejection of the offer on the basis of non-responsiveness. All prices quoted must be F.O.B. origin. Each kit must comply with the specifications as spelled out in appendix D. ARRC will obtain shipping cost per specified shipping location and will factor in transportation cost with the bid price to determine the low bidder.

Eighteen (18) EA SD 70 MAC REB Outright Traction Motors (TM 2630 OR EQUAL):

Leads need to be 98 inches from the hole in the case.

\$ _____ / Each

Delivery Date:

Your bid should indicate the earliest firm delivery date after receipt of award. ARRC shall fully expect the successful contractor to completely satisfy contract performance requirements in accordance with firm delivery date offered in the Cost Schedule.

Delivery date: Please indicate the earliest possible delivery date after receipt of order:

_____ Weeks ARO

_____ Shipping Location/ Zip Code

Award Criteria

An award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible bidder that meets the requirements as set forth in the specifications and compliance thereof. The Alaska Railroad Corporation reserves the right to determine that all offered materials will serve the application intended. Award will be made in the aggregate. The bid award is contingent on the availability of Alaska Railroad Corporation funds.

COMPANY NAME

BY AND FOR THE BIDDER

COMPANY ADDRESS

PRINTED NAME OF BIDDER

COMPANY ADDRESS

DATE OF BID

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

CONTACT E-MAIL

APPENDIX E

BIDDER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: Failure to provide the information requested in this questionnaire may be cause for rejection of the solicitation on the basis of non-responsiveness.

Name of Your Business: _____

Street Address:

Mailing Address if Different: _____

City:_____ **State:** _____ **Mailing Zip:**_____.

Telephone:_____ **Fax:** _____ **E-Mail:**_____

Date Firm Established:

How many years has the business been under the above name? _____

Previous business name(s)if any: _____

Federal Tax ID Number: _____

Business License Number: _____

Bid Acceptance Period _____ **Days.** (Bids providing less than thirty (30) calendar days for acceptance may be considered non-responsive and may be rejected.)

Discount for prompt pay _____ **%** _____ **days.**

The bidder shall list any variations from or exceptions to the Terms, Conditions or Specifications of the Solicitation: _____

Briefly Describe Work to be Performed:

The bidder shall list any variations from or exceptions to the Terms, Conditions or Specifications of the Solicitation:

List three current contracts (where the commodity or service requested in this solicitation is the primary product being supplied) include the client's name, contract amount, person to contact regarding performance, their telephone, facsimile number and e-mail.

Clients name, Contact person, Contact info. Description of Work and Contract Amount
(telephone, fax, and email)

<u>List any other business related experience:</u>	

Are you acting as a broker or the primary supplier in this transaction?

- Primary Supplier
- Broker

Business Information (Please check all that apply):

- My business is Individual
- My business is a Partnership
- My business is a Non-Profit
- My business is a Joint-Venture
- My business is a Corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of

- My business is full-time
- My business is part-time
- My business **is not** a certified Disadvantaged Business (DBE)
- My business **is** a certified DBE
- My DBE was certified by State DOTPF
- My DBE was certified by the Municipality of Anchorage
- My business is an 8(a)/WBE/MBE and is certified by SBA
- My business was certified by _____
- My DBE Certification # is _____

Firms Annual Gross Receipts:

- <\$500,000
- \$500,000 - \$999,999
- \$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999
- \$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999
- \$10,000,000 - \$16,999,999
- >\$17,000,000

Completed by: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX F

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Supply Contracts) (Revised 4/17/08)

The following terms and conditions supersede the terms and conditions on the reverse side of ARRC's purchase order to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith and shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as though expressly stated in any such purchase order into which this document is incorporated.

1. Definitions.

"ARRC" shall mean the Alaska Railroad Corporation.

"Vendor" shall mean the person or entity entering into the contract to provide the supplies specified therein for ARRC.

"Contract" shall mean these General Terms and Conditions, the contract form to which they are annexed, and all other terms, conditions, schedules, appendices or other documents attached to the contract form or incorporated by reference therein.

"Supplies" shall mean the equipment, goods, materials or other items to be provided by Vendor to ARRC under the contract.

2. Inspection and Reports. ARRC may inspect all of the Vendor's facilities and activities under this contract in accordance with the provisions of ARRC Procurement Rule 1600.9. The Vendor shall make progress and other reports in the manner and at the times ARRC reasonably requires.

3. Claims. Any claim by Vendor for additional compensation or equitable adjustment arising under this contract which is not disposed of by mutual agreement must be made by Vendor in accordance with the time limits and procedures specified in sections 1800.12 et seq. of ARRC's Procurement Rules, which by this reference are hereby incorporated herein.

4. Nondiscrimination.

4.1 The Vendor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental handicap, sex, marital status, change in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood when the reasonable demands of the positions do not require distinction on the basis of age, physical handicap, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood. To the extent required by law, the Vendor shall take affirmative action to insure that the applicants are considered for employment and that employees are treated during employment without unlawful regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental handicap, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood. This action must include, but need not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The Vendor shall post in conspicuous places,

available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting out the provisions of this paragraph.

4.2 The Vendor shall cooperate fully with ARRC efforts which seek to deal with the problem of unlawful discrimination, and with all other ARRC efforts to guarantee fair employment practices under this contract, and promptly comply with all requests and directions from the State Commission for Human Rights or any of its officers or agents relating to prevention of discriminatory employment practices.

4.3 Full cooperation in Paragraph 4.2 includes, but is not limited to, being a witness in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; permitting employees of the Vendor to be witnesses or complainants in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination, if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; participating in meetings; submitting periodic reports on the equal employment aspects of present and future employment; assisting inspection of the Vendor's facilities; and promptly complying with all State directives considered essential by any office or agency of the State of Alaska to insure compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practices.

4.4 Failure to perform under this section constitutes a material breach of the contract.

5. Cancellation/Termination.

5.1 ARRC may, for its sole convenience, cancel this contract in whole or in part, at any time by giving written notice of its intention to do so. In the event of such cancellation, Vendor shall be entitled to receive payment in accordance with the payment provisions of this contract for supplies delivered to ARRC and, as to work in progress prior to receipt of notice, ARRC shall pay Vendor only for direct expenditures on work specifically identified to this contract. Vendor shall not be paid for any work done after receipt of a notice of cancellation or for any costs incurred by Vendor's suppliers or subcontractors which Vendor could reasonably have avoided. However, in no event shall ARRC be liable for incidental, consequential, or punitive damages, overhead or other direct or indirect costs, or lost profits. Payments made under this contract shall not exceed the aggregate price specified in this contract.

5.2 In addition to ARRC's right to cancel this contract for its convenience, ARRC may, by written notice of default to Vendor, terminate the contract in whole or in part in the following circumstances:

(1) The Vendor refuses or fails to perform its obligations under the contract, or fails to make progress so as to significantly endanger timely completion or performance of the contract in accordance with its terms, and Vendor does not cure such default within a period of ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of default from ARRC or within such additional cure period as ARRC may authorize; or

(2) Reasonable grounds for insecurity arise with respect to Vendor's expected performance and Vendor fails to furnish adequate assurance of due performance (including assurance of performance in accordance with the time requirements of the contract) within ten (10) days after receipt of a written request by ARRC for adequate assurance; or

(3) Vendor becomes insolvent or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or commits an act of bankruptcy or files or has filed against it a petition in bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings.

5.3 Upon receipt of a notice of cancellation or termination, Vendor shall immediately discontinue all work and it shall immediately cause any of its suppliers or subcontractors to cease such work unless the notice directs otherwise. In the event of termination for default, Vendor shall be liable for any damage to ARRC resulting from the Vendor's nonperformance. The rights and remedies of ARRC provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

6. No Assignment or Delegation. The Vendor may not assign, subcontract or delegate this contract, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the prior written consent of ARRC. No such approval shall relieve Vendor from any of its obligations or liabilities under this contract.

7. Independent Contractor. The Vendor's relationship to ARRC in performing this contract is that of an independent contractor and nothing herein shall be construed as creating an employer/employee relationship, partnership, joint venture or other business group or concerted action.

8. Payment of Taxes. As a condition of performance of this contract, the Vendor shall pay all federal, state, and local taxes incurred by the Vendor and shall require their payment by any subcontractor or any other persons in the performance of this contract. Satisfactory performance of this paragraph is a condition precedent to payment by ARRC under this contract.

9. Governing Law. This contract, and all questions concerning the capacity of the parties, execution, validity (or invalidity) and performance of this contract, shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska.

10. Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act Requirements. No officer or employee of the State of Alaska or of the ARRC and no director of the ARRC or legislator of the state shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom. Vendor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions which could be a violation of Alaska Statute 39.52 et seq. Vendor shall not make or receive any payments, gifts, favors, entertainment, trips, secret commissions, or hidden gratuities for the purpose of securing preferential treatment or action from or to any party. This obligation will apply to the activities of Vendor's employees and agents in their relations with ARRC employees, their families, vendors, subcontractors, and third parties arising from this contract and in accomplishing work hereunder. Certain gratuities may be given or accepted if:

- (1) there is no violation of any law or generally accepted ethical standards;
- (2) the gratuity is given as a courtesy for a courtesy received and does not result in any preferential treatment or action;
- (3) the gratuity is of limited value (less than \$150) and could not be construed as a bribe, payoff or deal; and
- (4) public disclosure would not embarrass ARRC.

ARRC may cancel this contract without penalty or obligation in the event Vendor or its employees violate the provisions of this section.

11. Covenant Against Contingent Fees. Vendor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Vendor, to solicit or secure this contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, individual, or firm any commission, gift, percentage, fee, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this contract. For the breach or violation of this warranty, ARRC may terminate this contract without liability and, at its discretion, deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of the commission, percentage, gift, or fee.

12. Warranty. Vendor warrants that the equipment, goods, materials or other supplies sold to ARRC under this contract: (a) shall be of good quality and free from all defects and deficiencies in workmanship, material and design; (b) shall be fit, suitable and operate successfully for their intended purpose; (c) shall be new; (d) shall be free from all liens, claims, demands, encumbrances and other defects in title; and (e) shall conform to the specifications, if any, stated in the contract. Vendor shall honor all guarantees and warranties offered by the manufacturer of the equipment, goods, materials or other supplies provided under this contract. The rights and remedies provided for in this section are in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

13. Indemnification. The Vendor shall indemnify, save harmless and defend ARRC, its officers, agents and employees from all liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for all actions or claims resulting from injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly as a result of any error, omission, product defect, negligent or wrongful acts of the Vendor, its subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them in the performance of this contract, provided that Vendor's aforesaid indemnity and hold harmless agreement shall not be applicable to any liability based upon the sole negligence of ARRC.

14. ARRC's Rights Not Waived by Payment. No payment made by ARRC shall be considered as acceptance of satisfactory performance of Vendor's obligations under this contract. Nor shall any payment be construed as acceptance of substandard or defective work or as relieving Vendor from its full responsibility under the contract.

15. Nonwaiver. A party's failure or delay to insist upon strict performance of any of the provisions of this contract, to exercise any rights or remedies provided by this contract or by law, or to notify the other party of any breach of or default under this contract shall not release or relieve the breaching or defaulting party from any of its obligations or warranties under this contract and shall not be deemed a waiver of any right to insist upon strict performance of this contract or any of the rights or remedies as to any subject matter contained herein; nor shall any purported oral modification or rescission of this contract operate as a waiver of any of the provisions of this contract. The rights and remedies set forth in any provision of this Agreement are in addition to any other rights or remedies afforded the nonbreaching or nondefaulting party by any other provisions of this contract, or by law.

16. Savings Clause. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this contract shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this contract, but this contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
17. Headings. The headings of sections and paragraphs of this contract are for convenience of reference only and are not intended to restrict, affect, or be of any weight in the interpretation or construction of the provisions of such sections or paragraphs.
18. Forum Selection. The parties shall not commence or prosecute any suit, proceeding or claim to enforce the provisions of the contract, to recover damages for breach or default under the contract, or otherwise arising under or by reason of the contract, other than in the courts of the State of Alaska for the Third Judicial District at Anchorage. The parties hereby irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of said courts.
19. Conflict of Interest. Vendor shall act to prevent any actions or conditions which could result in a conflict with ARRC's best interests. This obligation shall apply to the activities of Vendor's employees and agents in their relationships with ARRC's employees, their families, vendors, subcontractors and third parties accomplishing work under this contract.
20. Publicity. Vendor shall not release any information for publication or advertising purposes relative to this contract or to the material, equipment and other supplies furnished under this contract without the prior written consent of the ARRC.
21. Audit. ARRC has the right to audit at reasonable times the accounts and books of the Vendor in accordance with the provisions of ARRC Procurement Rule 1600.10.
22. Internal Controls and Record Keeping. Vendor shall keep full and accurate records and accounts of all of its activities in connection with this contract, including, without limitation, reasonable substantiation of all expenses incurred and all property acquired hereunder.
23. Force Majeure. Neither ARRC nor Vendor shall be responsible for failure to perform the terms of this contract when performance is prevented by force majeure, provided that: (1) notice and reasonably detailed particulars are given to the other party and (2) the cause of such failure or omission is remedied so far as possible with reasonable dispatch. The term "force majeure" shall mean acts of God, earthquakes, fire, flood, war, civil disturbances, governmentally imposed rules, regulations or other causes whatsoever, whether equal or unequal to the causes herein enumerated, which is not within the reasonable control of either party and which through the exercise of due diligence, a party is unable to foresee or overcome. In no event shall force majeure include normal or reasonably foreseeable or reasonably avoidable operational delays.
24. Set Off. If ARRC has any claim against the Vendor related or unrelated to this contract, it may set off the amount of such claim against any amount due or becoming due under this contract.
25. Observance of Rules. The Vendor's personnel performing work hereunder on ARRC's premises shall observe all fire prevention, security, and safety rules in force at the site of the work.

26. No Third-Party Beneficiary Rights. No provision of this contract shall in any way inure to the benefit of any third parties (including the public at large) so as to constitute any such person a third-party beneficiary of the contract or of any one or more of the terms hereof, or otherwise give rise to any cause of action in any person not a party hereto.

27. Entire Agreement. This contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between ARRC and the Vendor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This contract may be amended only by a written instrument signed by both ARRC and the Vendor.

28. Invalid Provision. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this contract shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and this contract shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or enforceable provisions were omitted.

29. Packing, Marking and Shipping All supplies shall be properly packaged to prevent damage or deterioration and to obtain the lowest transportation rates. ARRC will pay no charge for preparation, crating, dunnage or other materials unless separately stated in this contract. Each packing slip, bill of lading, invoice, container, tag and correspondence shall bear the applicable contract number and the location to which the supplies are to be shipped. A waterproof Master Packing Slip shall accompany each shipment and shall be included in one of the packages marked "Packing Slip Inside" or in the case of a carload shipment, be conspicuously displayed on the inside of the freight car. The original Bill of Lading shall be mailed to the attention of ARRC Supply Management Department on date of shipment.

30. Improper Delivery. If for any reason the Contractor fails to make timely delivery, ARRC may, at its option, approve a revised delivery schedule, request shipment via air or expedited routing (at Contractor's expense) or terminate this contract without any liability. Contractor will not, however, be liable for damages resulting from delays in delivery due to causes beyond Contractor's reasonable control, provided Contractor promptly notifies ARRC in writing of any such delay or expected delay as soon as such delay or expected delay becomes or should have become apparent. The remedies provided in this paragraph shall be cumulative and in addition to any other or further remedies ARRC may have.

31. Shipping Release. The Contractor shall not ship any of the supplies covered by this contract, unless specific delivery dates or written instructions are furnished to Contractor by ARRC. ARRC shall have no responsibility for supplies for which delivery dates or other written instructions have not been provided. Shipments in excess of those authorized may be returned to Contractor and Contractor shall pay ARRC for all expenses incurred in connection with such shipments. ARRC may change or temporarily suspend shipping schedules specified in this contract or written instructions.

32. Inspection/Rejection. Notwithstanding prior shipment, all supplies are subject to inspection and acceptance by ARRC within a reasonable time after they arrive at destination. ARRC shall notify Contractor if any supplies are rejected for any reason or if there are shortages. At ARRC's election, rejected supplies may be held for Contractor's account or returned to Contractor at Contractor's risk and expense. No replacement or correction of defective or nonconforming supplies shall be made by Contractor without written authorization from ARRC. Contractor shall promptly ship any shortages after notification of the same by ARRC.

33. Compliance with Laws and Regulations. Contractor agrees that in the performance of this contract it will comply with the requirements of all applicable Federal, State and local statutes, regulations and orders and will indemnify and save ARRC harmless from any claim, loss or damage arising from Contractor's violation or alleged violation of them.

34. Reduction in Contractor's Cost Any reduction in Contractor's costs resulting from a reduction in freight rates, custom duties, import taxes, excise taxes and/or sales taxes from those in force on the date of the contract is to be paid to ARRC by Contractor in reduction of the price of the ordered supplies.

35. Payments. Payments for supplies furnished under this contract will be due thirty (30) days after the later of (1) receipt of the supplies established in the contract, (2) receipt of proper billing for such supplies, and (3) receipt of all documents required by this contract. ARRC shall not be liable for interest charges on late payments.