

**Presented By:**  
Port Director

**Action Taken:**  
Yes \_\_\_  
No \_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-23-10-04**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PND ENGINEERS, INC. TO PERFORM WORK KNOWN AS THE PON STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE AT A LUMP SUM FEE OF \$53,625**

**WHEREAS**, the City contracted with the McDowell Group in 2015 to prepare a strategic development plan for the port to compile short and long-term infrastructure needs, and plan for the growth that was occurring through increasing vessel traffic; and,

**WHEREAS**, McDowell submitted a plan that served to identify existing and future infrastructure needs, and incorporated recommendations to facilitate industry growth while meeting needs of the port & harbor users; and

**WHEREAS**, the City then performed a number of minor updates to the McDowell plan to account for completed projects, updated planning efforts, and projections for the anticipated growth that was becoming more obvious as vessel traffic continued to increase exponentially; and,

**WHEREAS**, the USACE identified Nome as the best location to serve as the Arctic port site to facilitate resource development, search and rescue response, protection of the marine environment, and to provide a practical Arctic location for strategic defense of the country and through completion of the feasibility study and design phases, construction of the Arctic Deep Draft Port is imminent; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City signed a Project Partnership Agreement with the USACE which defines the project cost-share and facilitates solicitation of construction of the Port of Nome Modifications Project, driving the urgent need for the City to obtain update the previous strategic plan to ensure that onshore development is adequately aligned with the upcoming port expansion to be in place by 2029; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2023, the City solicited for qualified firms to propose on performing an update to the strategic development plan, with 2 proposals received by the deadline, scored by staff, and evaluated by the Port Commission and staff, recommending award to PND Engineers, Inc; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Nome Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with PND Engineers, Inc. to perform the PON Strategic Development Plan Update, for a fee of \$53,625, per the RFP, and with guidance from the City and Public.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND,**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**JEREMY JACOBSON,**  
**Deputy City Clerk**