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City Mayor John K. Handeland
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Dear Mayor Handeland:

Thank you for your ongoing partnership on the Port of Nome Modification project, funded for construction under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

As you are aware, our teams are working to finalize the design, permits and project partnership agreement (PPA). This includes the requirements for the City of Nome, as the non-Federal sponsor, to provide all real estate necessary to construct the project. A key feature of the project will be designating a location where a Temporary Workforce Camp (TWC) can be built such that environmental justice concerns over impacts to housing demand in Nome can be offset.

In accordance with the soon-to-be executed PPA between the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City of Nome for the Port of Nome Modifications project, which specifies the obligations of each party, Article II.B.2 states:

"As of the effective date of this Agreement, the Government anticipates that the Project can be constructed, operated, and maintained utilizing the real property interests previously acquired by the Non-Federal Sponsor for the existing Federal project and no additional real property interest, relocations, or removal of obstructions will be required."

As such, USACE requires land to be provided for the TWC is identified for use in the project proposal documents, per the requirements of the City's non-Federal sponsorship.

I understand my team has shared specific physical dimensions and type of real estate interest that would be acceptable to meet this requirement. There are no provisions within BIL funding to provide credit for this real estate requirement and USACE anticipates it can be provided from current City of Nome real property interests.

All real estate must be provided prior to advertising the project for construction. Upon execution of the PPA, my team will provide you an official notice of what documentation you must provide to demonstrate that Nome has sufficient interest in the real estate necessary for the project. Providing land already owned by the City can be an easy way to meet this requirement. Any land purchased to meet this requirement would have to be purchased and title transfer finished before USACE can certify real estate is sufficient to issue a construction contract solicitation.

I do understand that land acquisition and real estate requirements can be complex, and my team stands ready to provide any assistance you may need.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager, Jathan Garrett, at (907) 753-2869 or via email at Jathan.C.Garrett@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. Palazzini", written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey S. Palazzini
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding