

## **MERTARVIK RELOCATION PROJECT**

### **Status Report for Steering Committee**

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- 1) Staff continues to develop a spending plan, budget and grant management system for the relocation project; developing a schedule for the overall project; assisting NVC and agencies with securing funding for housing, MEC, travel and equipment; completing a gap analysis for the environmental work completed to date; identifying planning needs; and overseeing Goldstream Engineering's work on the roads portion of the project.
- 2) Roads and Quarry Development:
  - a) Goldstream Engineering Inc. (GEI) has prepared concept design memo for review by the funding agencies, primarily State of Alaska and BIA. The memo contains design standards, preferred alignment, typical sections and pioneer airstrip. The memo will be circulated publically next week.
  - b) GEI and DOWL have prepared an EA Gap Analysis report looking at existing permits affecting the 2017 construction season. The report will be reviewed on 11/28 and then distributed to the agencies, primarily HUD and BIA, for their concurrence to move forward with final road and quarry design elements.
  - c) GEI continues to move forward with procurement plans for equipment RFP (October), shipping IFB (November), work camp IFB (December), maintenance shed IFB (November), misc. supplies RFQ (March).
- 3) Housing
  - a) See "Mertarvik Housing Plan – 2017 Construction Season" memo under agenda item 4a.
  - b) NVC has prepared a letter to the housing funding agencies requesting all funding be transferred to a single agency for procurement, contract management, and administration efficiencies.
  - c) CCHRC will lead a housing design charrette in Newtok in early November (date to be confirmed). ANTHC will participate as a kick-off to their Community Planning effort.
  - d) NVC informed FEMA/AkDMVA the community will pursue a 'buy-out' option for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. DOWL is preparing a letter from NVC to FEMA/AkDMVA informing them of this decision. DOWL is also preparing a request for services to solicit a firm to prepare the revised application to FEMA and to serve as project manager for the buy-out program. NVC has until January 1, 2017 to submit the revised application to FEMA.
- 4) Mertarvik Evacuation Center (MEC)
  - a) NVC and DOWL met with USACE Colonel and staff on 9/27 to discuss the project.
  - b) DOWL has provided the Corps with a list of potential in-kind match for the MEC. The Corps has prepared a Section 221 Integral Determination Report for concurrence USACE HQ. This is an 8-week process.
  - c) DOWL is currently preparing a RFQ for Architectural/Engineering services to be used to complete the MEC design and prepare bid packages for shell construction.
- 5) Environmental
  - a) Gap analysis report is being finalized this week by DOWL and GEI.

- b) ANTHC will be working to complete a single NEPA document that would address all remaining project activities associated with the village relocation that are not yet covered - including water/sewer, solid waste, airport, school etc. General plan is to have updated town site plan sufficiently completed by February to inform the NEPA exercise. Discussions are ongoing to determine lead federal agency and type of document – EA or EIS. Lead will most likely be either the Denali Commission or USACE.

## 6) Planning

- a) Denali Commission conducted a Site Planning and Utility Design kick-off meeting last week with staff from ANTHC, AEA, Denali Commission & DOWL. ANTHC tasked with developing the final town site plan for the new village location in Mertarvik. Deliverables are 65% plan by February and final site plan in May 2017. ANTHC plans to visit Newtok monthly to work with the community in the development of the plan.
- b) Key agencies assisting in planning activities will include SOA, ANTHC, Goldstream Engineering, AEA, Denali Commission, DOWL and others as necessary. A representative of the housing sector should be identified to participate in the work group.

## 7) Infrastructure Design

- a) ANTHC is under contract to Denali Commission to provide the listed sanitation facility designs:
  - i) Geotechnical investigation;
  - ii) Topographical surveys;
  - iii) Washeteria preliminary engineering report (PER);
  - iv) Water distribution and wastewater collection PER;
  - v) Landfill design.
- b) Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is under contract to Denali Commission to provide the listed energy systems planning and design:
  - i) Energy master plan;
  - ii) Power plant design;
  - iii) Bulk fuel system design.

## 8) Financial

- a) A draft “Project Accounting and Pre-Audit Services” agreement has been prepared by NVC attorney. DOWL is providing the scope of services language for the contract. DOWL plans to advertise the RFP first week of November.
- b) NVC has prepared a budget request to BIA under the new contract for the CCHRC Demonstration Home project.
- c) NVC has submitted all required reports.
- d) NVC is working on a program budget which will include CCHRC as a technical advisor and other NVC expenses. The program budget will be provided to funding agencies in November.
- e) NVC is working on completing their financial policies and procedures. A draft will be provided to the funding agencies in November.