

## **MERTARVIK RELOCATION PROJECT**

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

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- 1) Staff continues to work with NVC and agencies on spending plans and budgets for the relocation project; maintain and update a schedule for the overall project with input from Goldstream Engineering (GEI) & ANTHC; assisting NVC and agencies with securing funding for housing, MEC, travel and equipment.
- 2) DOWL (R. Romenesko), ANTHC & CCHRC visited Newtok on 11/15 – 17/2016. See attached trip report from DOWL.
- 3) Roads and Quarry Development:
  - a) GEI has prepared a concept design memo and provided it to the funding agencies, primarily State of Alaska, USACE and BIA. The memo contains design standards, preferred alignment, and typical sections. GEI, BIA, HUD, & DOWL met on 11/1 to review the document.
    - i) HUD accepted the preferred design tie-in to the town site roads.
    - ii) BIA accepted the design logic and community route selection.
    - iii) BIA stated its grants cannot be used to fund housing pads.
    - iv) GEI is to obtain a waiver/variance from BIA on the proposed 16' road width.
  - b) BIA has granted the project flexibility adjust road alignments at the request of NVC. This is critical in that it allows GEI to design the preferred quarry road alignment (option A) and allows ANTHC to adjust roads within the town site to best fit community and engineering needs.
  - c) Permits are in place for proposed roads, quarry and in town, for the 2017 construction season from USACE, BIA and HUD.
  - d) GEI continues to move forward with procurement plans for equipment, shipping, work camp, maintenance shed, and miscellaneous supplies. Procurement documents will be provided to the funding agencies before release for their review and approval.
- 4) Housing:
  - a) HUD and AVCP-RHA have determined their funds cannot transfer to the Denali Commission for single agency administration. Therefore, HUD IT grant and AVCP Title VI funds will have to be handled independently.
  - b) DOWL is looking for direction from NVC on how to proceed with the HUD IT grant funds; either move to AVCP for developing of all houses or prepare and RFP for GC/CM services to build 2 houses.
  - c) DOWL is working to get CRW Engineering under contract for the FEMA Buy-out application. NVC approval for DOWL to subcontract the work is needed. DOWL has requested a time extension from FEMA for the application as CRW has expressed concern about completing the work by January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are challenged by holidays and obtaining the services of an appraiser.
  - d) CCHRC has offered their services to NVC to provide QA/QC and technical advice on construction of new homes. NVC does want this assistance; DOWL is working with BIA to fund this work from the most recent BIA grant (A16AV01004).
- 5) Mertarvik Evacuation Center (MEC)

- a) The Section 221 Integral Determination Report has been released by the Pacific Ocean Division and is now under review for concurrence by USACE HQ. Concurrence should be obtained early in 2017.
  - b) The decision was made to utilize ANTHC term Architect/Engineer for the design of the MEC shell. NVC procurement code allows for entering into intergovernmental agreements for procurement of services, and Lantech/LCG (the ANTHC term contract A/E) can provide necessary services for the MEC design. This process saves several months of procurement effort. A scope of work has been prepared and provided to ANTHC to begin negotiations for pricing of the work. DOWL has submitted a request to the State of Alaska for approval of this process.
  - c) DOWL is preparing an RFP/RFQ for GC/CM services for the construction of the MEC shell this summer.
- 6) Environmental
- a) The EA Gap Analysis report looking at existing permits affecting the 2017 construction season distributed to the agencies, primarily HUD and BIA, for their concurrence to move forward with final road and quarry design elements. We updating the report after receiving comments from agencies; final release will be mid-December.
- 7) A Design & Construction Team formed for coordination of activities. The team consists of those agencies or contractors that have contracts with NVC for services in 2017. Current members include AEA, ANTHC, CCHRC, Denali Commission, DOWL, GEI, and NVC. This team will grow as we add an A/E and GC/CM for the MEC, and representatives from housing construction teams.
- a) The team has met several times now with weekly coordination meetings.
  - b) A shared web portal for construction specific documents has been set up to share team documents.
- 8) Financial
- a) DOWL prepared a budget for the relocation project.
  - b) DOWL met with BIA to discuss using BIA Contract # A16AV01004 to pay CCHRC for the demonstration house and for future administrative services needed for the project.
  - c) DOWL prepared and advertised an RFP for financial services and grants management. The RFP is advertised 11/28 through 12/9. The selection meeting is set for 12/16.
  - d) HUD IT grant has 24-month spending period – Expires September 2018.