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DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: David R. Carey, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor *DR Carey*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
Mark Fowler, Purchasing & Contract Officer *M Fowler*

FROM: John Mohorcich, River Center Director *JM*

DATE: April 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-041 Authorizing the Sub-Award Agreement(s) for Cook Inlet
Beluga Whale Research Study

KPB Resolution 2011-041 was submitted with blanks for consideration at the April 19, 2011, assembly meeting. This memo and accompanying recommendation for award includes the information to fill in the blanks.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Donald E. Gilman River Center solicited proposals for Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Research Study. The project was released November 18, 2010, and advertised in the Peninsula Clarion on November 18, 2010. A total of 15 proposals were submitted by 11 firms. An evaluation committee consisting of borough personnel, NOAA personnel and members of the scientific community reviewed and scored the submitted proposals.

This project is submitted to the assembly for approval as the accepting ordinance requires assembly approval for the expenditures of the grant funds. Attached is the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Research Study – Summary of Studies Recommended for Award, which provides a brief narrative of each project proposed to be funded.

Please add the following language to fill in the blanks on resolution 2011-041.

➤ Amend the 5th whereas as follows:

WHEREAS, The proposer(s) being recommended for the sub-award agreement(s) are LGL Alaska Research Associates, Inc., Cook Inlet Region Citizens Advisory Council,

Alaska Ecological Research, LLC, Old Dominion University Research Foundation and Alaska SeaLife Center;

➤ Amend section 1 of the resolution as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to enter into agreement(s) with the following proposers:

<u>[FIRM] Proposer</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>LGL Alaska Research Associates, Inc.</u>	<u>\$237,250.00</u>
<u>CIRCAC</u>	<u>\$102,196.00</u>
<u>Alaska Ecological Research, LLC</u>	<u>\$ 54,800.00</u>
<u>Old Dominion University Research Foundation</u>	<u>\$176,316.00</u>
<u>Alaska SeaLife Center</u>	<u>\$ 65,634.00</u>

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS
VERIFIED**

Acct. # 271.21135.90216.49999

Amount \$636,196.00

By: CBSW Date: 4/19/11

RFP 11-004 Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Research Study
Summary of Studies Recommended for Award
Resolution 2011-041

LGL AK Research Associates, Inc., Anchorage, AK: Photo-identification of Cook Inlet Beluga Whales in waters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. This project duration is for two years with a start date of May 2011 and completion by May 2013.

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council, Kenai, AK: Documentation of winter prey and diversity at known important locations of the Cook Inlet Beluga Whales in waters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, assess contaminants in these selected winter prey species and compare measured levels with known sediment and water column levels of the inlet. This project duration is for one and a half years with a start date of June 2011 and completion by December 2012.

AK Ecological Research, LLC, Anchorage, AK: Utilize Cook Inlet Beluga Whale stranding database to conduct a retrospective analysis of the Level A data (which contain biological, spatial and temporal information) using descriptive statistics and linear regression. This work will provide detailed description of strandings by age, sex, location, time, differentiate normal from abnormal data, identify relationships between different parameters and identify trends and indicate areas of further investigation. This project duration is just over a year with a start date of May 2011 and completion by June 2012.

Old Dominion University Research Foundation, Norfolk, VA: Study of Physical and Biological Factors that Impact the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale's population. This work will look at environmental, physical and biological data to characterize the relative importance of each in the recovery of the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale. This project duration is for two years with a start date of June 2011 and completion by May 2013.

Alaska SeaLife Center, Seward, AK: Oral History of Habitat Use by Cook Inlet Beluga Whales in waters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. This project will address a critical gap in knowledge about the historical distribution, abundance and use of habitat of the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale. This project duration is less than a year with a start date of May 2011 and completion by December 2011.