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MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Sara Hannan
Legislative Council Chair

FROM: Jessica Geary 
Executive Director

DATE: September 23, 2021

SUBJECT: Legislative Council Upcoming Projects

Per your request, below are upcoming items for consideration by Legislative Council.

Capital Projects

- Capitol Roof (Serge Lesh, Facilities Manager)
 - Damaged and covered in moss, needs remediation before leaks happen (see attached pictures)
 - Construction management and bid documents by Jensen, Yorba, Wall; preliminary estimate \$1.3 million; use existing capital funds
 - No HAZ MAT present as determined by environmental hazard study

Contract Approvals

- Sitka LIO and Legislative Office Space (JC Kestel, Procurement Officer)
 - Current lease expires November 30, 2021 with no renewal options
 - RFP issued, approval in Executive Session
- Utqiagvik LIO and Legislative Office Space (JC Kestel, Procurement Officer)
 - One remaining renewal option; exceeds 35k
- Ketchikan LIO and Legislative Office Space (JC Kestel, Procurement Officer)
 - Lease expires February 28, 2022 with no remaining renewal options; will pursue a lease extension
- Thomson Reuters/Westlaw – Online Research Services (Megan Wallace, Legal Services Director)
 - Contract expires December 31, 2021

Other Committee Business

- Fiscal Year 2022 Session Per Diem Veto (Mindy Kissner, Finance Manager)
 - The governor's veto of session per diem zeroed out almost all available regular session per diem funding in 2022
 - Thirty days of special session per diem is budgeted in the Session Expenses allocation
 - If desirable, Legislative Council will be asked to consider approving a transfer of funds to cover regular session per diem until such a time as an FY22 supplemental appropriation can be approved during the 2nd regular session of the 32nd legislature. FY22 veto = \$1,995,000

- Amendment to Legislative Procurement Procedures (JC Kestel, Procurement Officer)
 - Increase procurement authority to \$50,000 from the current \$35,000
 - Allow for utilization of existing negotiated contracts, such as NASPO, etc.

Subcommittee Updates

- *Information Technology Subcommittee (Tim Banaszak, Chief Information Officer)*
 - Determine additional cyber-security tools/services necessary to protect Legislature as related to cyber-security breaches of Executive Branch and Court System
 - Cisco telephone system replacement in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks (interim 2022)
- *Assembly Building Utilization Subcommittee (Jessica Geary)*
 - Primary use of building (legislative office space, commercial, legislative housing, etc.)
 - Authorize construction contracts for:
 - Plumbing/Mechanical/Sprinkler
 - Electrical
 - Renovation
- *Security Subcommittee (Rayme Vinson, Chief of Security)*
 - Capitol Security
 - Assessment of current security resources and needs
 - Analyze budgetary constraints
 - Anchorage Legislative Office Building (Mike Warenda, LIO Manager)
 - Assessment of security issues and current contracted security services (contract up for renewal in 2022)
 - Leased Legislative Facilities (Tim Powers, Manager of Information & Teleconference)
 - Determine level of security services, if any, needed in LIOs/legislative office space

I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

