

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

November 6, 2009

9:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Kevin Meyer, Chair
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Vice Chair
Senator Lyman Hoffman (via teleconference)
Senator Linda Menard
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Mark Neuman (via teleconference)
Representative Bill Thomas
Representative Mike Doogan
Senator Donald Olson
Representative Bill Stoltze (via teleconference)
Representative Chris Tuck (via teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Charlie Huggins
Senator Bert Stedman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
REVISED PROGRAM - LEGISLATIVE (RPLs)
EXECUTIVE SESSION
AUDIT REQUESTS
OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

DAVID TEAL, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Legislative Finance Division
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided information regarding the RPLs before the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget and Audit.

LEO VON SCHEBEN, Commissioner
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF)

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided information regarding RPL 25-0-1050, Akutan Airport.

FRANK RICHARDS, Deputy Commissioner

Highways & Public Facilities

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: During hearing on RPL 25-0-1050, answered questions.

PAT DAVIDSON

Legislative Auditor

Division of Legislative Audit

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided information on the single statewide audit pilot project.

REPRESENTATIVE KURT OLSON

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Reviewed his request for an audit of the procurement practices of DOT&PF, Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) regarding vessel maintenance and repair.

JOSH APPLEBEE, Staff

Senator Meyer

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Reviewed the RFP evaluation process.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR KEVIN MEYER called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Senators Hoffman (via teleconference), Menard, and Meyer and Representatives Dahlstrom, Hawker, Thomas, Neuman, Doogan, Stoltze (Alternate) (via teleconference), and Tuck (Alternate) (via teleconference) were present at the call to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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CHAIR MEYER announced that the first order of business would be approval of the minutes.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2009. There being no objection, the minutes from the meeting of September 28, 2009, were approved.

REVISED PROGRAM - LEGISLATIVE (RPLs)

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CHAIR MEYER announced that the next order of business would be consideration of the RPLs before the committee. He asked Mr. Teal to describe each RPL and if there is an objection, the RPL would be set aside for further discussion.

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DAVID TEAL, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Division, Alaska State Legislature, began his review of the RPLs with RPL 06-0-0146 for \$1.7 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for the Women Infant and Children (WIC) State Agency Model (SAM) Management Information System with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). Although the Legislative Finance Division views it as a capital project, there's nothing to which to attach it so the fund source is operating. Therefore, if additional funds are received in 2011, he suggested that the department may want to convert [the fund source] to capital.

There being no objection, RPL 06-0-0146 was approved.

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MR. TEAL moved on to RPL 06-0-0204, DHSS, for \$36,000 in ARRA funding for the State Primary Care Offices to respond to the increased need for placement services and activities of the National Health Service Corps. The beneficiaries of these funds would be students in health care related fields and those with federal loans that they are repaying. Although the DHSS has regular federal authority to do the aforementioned, this is a case in which the federal government changed the funding source from regular federal receipts to ARRA. Therefore, there's the need for an RPL.

There being no objection, RPL 06-0-0204 was approved.

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MR. TEAL continued with RPL 06-0-0218 for Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Prevention Program for \$57,800 in ARRA funds. Again, there are multi-year tracking issues. He explained that if the RPL isn't approved and no other money can be found to complete the prevention plan, there will be an additional loss in funds in the amount of \$85,000 from the Preventative Health and Human Services Block Grant.

There being no objection, RPL 06-0-0218 was approved.

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MR. TEAL directed the committee's attention to RPL 06-0-0220 for Immunization and Vaccines for Children Grants for \$111,581 in ARRA funds. These funds are for an information system. Although there is a capital project to which these funds could be attached, DHSS prefers that the fund source be operating. The Legislative Finance Division doesn't have a problem with the aforementioned.

There being no objection, RPL 06-0-0220 was approved.

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MR. TEAL moved on to RPL 10-0-5054, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), for \$2.2 million in ARRA funds to develop a rural village seed production program. This is something that DNR has had on the back burner for years and finally, DNR has received the ARRA funds to grow seeds in rural areas in order to provide better restoration. The restoration is primarily for the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), the mining industry, and the oil industry. These funds could potentially result in a reduction in the costs and an improvement in the quality of the restoration. There are no technical problems, he said.

There being no objection, RPL 10-0-5054 was approved.

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MR. TEAL then addressed RPL 10-0-5059, DNR, for \$1.468 million in ARRA funds for Forestry and Fire Economic Stimulus - Forest

Health. He reminded the committee that it should be familiar with this project as past budgets have included a capital project and an RPL that added \$4 million to the capital project. This RPL is another amendment to an existing capital project. Again, there are no technical problems with this RPL.

There being no objection, RPL 10-0-5059 was approved.

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MR. TEAL continued with RPL 25-0-1050, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), for \$23.7 million of federal receipts for the construction of an airport in Akutan. The total cost of the project is about \$75 million. He informed the committee that there was a letter from the Federal Aviation Association (FAA) to the DOT&PF commissioner specifying that before the federal government approves this [project], four conditions must be met. Although two of the four conditions haven't yet been met, DOT&PF is working on those. Mr. Teal clarified that he isn't concerned, but wanted to inform the committee of the status.

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REPRESENTATIVE DOOGAN opined that both the federal receipts for the RPL and the project as a whole are large sums. He requested that DOT&PF representatives speak to why such large sums are required for this airport project.

CHAIR MEYER objected to RPL 25-0-1050, and therefore it was held for further consideration and discussion.

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MR. TEAL moved on to RPL 25-0-7536, DOT&PF, for \$2.4 million in ARRA funds for the Huslia land fill road and RPL 25-0-7537 for \$1.5 million for King Cove local roads. He explained that since the Marshall Airport access road is an ARRA-funded project that won't have permits in place and can't meet the February deadline for using the ARRA funds and other projects came in with lower bids. There are about \$4.8 million in funds that need to be reallocated. Together the RPLs spend about \$3.9 million of the \$4.8 million available. Therefore, the committee should expect DOT&PF to come before the committee again in order to spend the remaining ARRA funds. Furthermore, there may be another round of ARRA funds, especially since the transportation projects are seen as a very successful part of the ARRA funding. He related

his understanding that the next round of ARRA funds could be as early as January, which may mean that the committee may want to have RPLs in order to approve projects quickly or have an early capital budget legislation. At this point, there is no technical issue with the aforementioned RPLs.

There being no objection, RPL 25-0-7536 was approved.

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MR. TEAL reminded the committee that the aforementioned comments apply to RPL 25-0-7537 as well.

[No questions or objections were stated for RPL 25-0-7537, and therefore the committee treated RPL 25-0-7537 as approved.]

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MR. TEAL continued with RPL 45-0-1135, University of Alaska, for additional grant funds received by the university for the grants listed. He noted that there are also some corrections to prior funding. The amount of \$4.16 million in ARRA funds for the capital grants is the adjusted total, adjusted for those corrections.

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REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN related his understanding that the ARRA funds aren't on any timeline with regard to when they have to be spent.

MR. TEAL clarified that there is a timeline. He directed attention to the RPL, which specifies the time period for each grant. The first grant, the healthcare research workforce grant has a timeline of September 20, 2009, through August 31, 2011. Therefore, the grant period has already started and the university is ready to spend the funds. The aforementioned is true of all the grants listed, the timeline for some of which started as early as September 1, 2009. Furthermore, most of the grants go through 2011, although a couple of grants go through 2012. He reiterated that grants always have a time period associated with them.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN recalled that several months ago the university requested blanket approval for ARRA funds, but the committee

didn't give that approval. Therefore, he inquired as to what happens when the legislature is in session and the legislature has to approve the university's grants. He asked if it would be advisable to give the university approval on a long-term basis because the legislative process may result in a more cumbersome and lengthy process.

MR. TEAL said the aforementioned has been discussed with the university and the chair of the committee. He then related his understanding that Ms. Redman is in the process of writing a letter to the committee on this matter. One suggestion has been for the university to spend the grant funds in hopes that the legislature would approve the grants. Therefore, if the legislature didn't approve the grants, the university would have to pay for the expenditure. The other option is to continue the RPL process. However, traditionally RPLs aren't approved during legislative sessions because it might infringe on the House and Senate Finance Committees' roles. He said that whether the House and Finance Committees will accept RPLs is up to the co-chairs of the House and Senate Finance Committees.

CHAIR MEYER noted that he hadn't received any correspondence on the matter, and therefore the committee will continue as it has in the past.

MR. TEAL remarked that there's no need to address the issue until January 2010.

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There being no objection, RPL 45-0-1135 was approved.

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MR. TEAL moved on to RPL 45-0-1136, a request for \$1.38 million in ARRA funds for the University of Alaska for Pell grants and federal work study programs. These funds would go to students. Mr. Teal explained that he requested that the university combine its request into a single RPL, although the funds will be split when the transactions are entered because the appropriation structure requires the funds to be put in three places. He noted that there's a slight issue with the fact that the university has no way of knowing how much of the funding will be classified as regular federal government funds versus ARRA funds. Therefore, the university was concerned with regard to how to adjust the amount of the RPL, to which Mr. Teal opined that it's not worth worrying about since the federal government

has indicated that they're not interested in tracking the funds or the university reporting ARRA funds versus federal funds. This, he clarified, is merely a case in which the federal government reclassified the funds it was going to give the university.

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SENATOR MENARD requested a final report on this matter at the next hearing because she opined that she doesn't have a clear direction as to what would be best for the university. She suggested that by the next hearing there would likely be a clearer direction from the federal government.

MR. TEAL said that the university probably won't know more at the next meeting. He explained that the money is available through June and the university won't know how much it will spend until later. The university will likely have RPLs before the committee again and can then report to the committee. He suggested that the university won't have any firm numbers until late session.

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CHAIR MEYER related his agreement with Senator Menard regarding the university providing the committee a summary [of the ARRA funds it has received] at the next hearing. Therefore, he requested that staff include that as an agenda item for the next meeting.

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There being no objection, RPL 45-0-1136 was approved.

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CHAIR MEYER then returned the committee's attention to RPL 25-0-1050, DOT&PF, for construction of the Akutan Airport.

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LEO VON SCHEBEN, Commissioner, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), explained that RPL 25-0-1050 requests receipt authority for \$23.7 million in federal aviation and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. The proposed Akutan Airport is a new airport that's 4,500 feet long, 75 feet wide. He related his view that the Akutan Airport will be part

of a system on the Aleutians Chain because when a new airport is built, it's for the residents of Akutan as well as for others in the area. The Akutan Airport would be situated within 45 miles of Unalaska, and therefore could serve as a secondary airstrip for emergency situations. Currently, Penn Air serves the area with a Grumman Goose airplane, which is a World War II aircraft. One of the two Grumman Goose airplanes has been phased out of Akutan. He explained that floatplanes can't land in the area due to the rough ocean water. Commissioner Von Scheben informed the committee that Akutan has a population of 750-825 people and the area processes 340-400 million pounds of seafood. He opined that the funding for this project is unique because it's split between several areas: 78 percent federal funds, 15 percent state funds, and 7 percent other funds. The other fund sources include Trident Seafoods, the Denali Commission, the Economic Development [Council], and the Aleutians East Borough. Although the total cost of \$77 million sounds like a lot of funds, he opined that it's not really a lot for building a new airport, particularly in the Bush. He related that there is a strong possibility that the total cost could be less because he has observed a 15-20 percent [decrease] in construction bids. Furthermore, this is a design-build project, which is unique to the FAA. At this point, four teams have been selected and the process is ready to move forward. The request today is for the authorization to receive and expend \$23.7 million, he reminded the committee.

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REPRESENTATIVE DOOGAN inquired as to how confident DOT&PF is that the \$77 million will build the Akutan Airport.

COMMISSIONER VON SCHEBEN replied very confident, especially since the bidding is coming in lower than anticipated, perhaps with a buffer of about 15 percent. He related that the budget for the Akutan Airport has been built over the last eight years.

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REPRESENTATIVE DOOGAN asked if there has been sufficient site review to avoid any unexpected problems and expenses.

COMMISSIONER VON SCHEBEN said he didn't know. However, having a contractor involved with the design of the process provides solid numbers.

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REPRESENTATIVE DOOGAN inquired as to the type of aircraft that will be able to utilize the size strip being constructed in Akutan.

COMMISSIONER VON SCHEBEN specified that a multi-engine twin aircraft type with a 15-20 person capacity can be used. He said that a 4,500 foot long strip is a good length of airstrip, even for hauling fuel. In further response to Representative Doogan, Commissioner Von Scheben opined that in an emergency the 737s that are landing at Dutch Harbor could land at the proposed Akutan Airport.

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REPRESENTATIVE DOOGAN removed his objection.

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SENATOR HOFFMAN remarked that the Akutan Airport should have been constructed five years ago.

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REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN related his support of this project. However, he noted that there are highways in the Mat-Su Valley that need to be addressed.

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SENATOR MENARD inquired as to the price tag of this project in the past.

SENATOR HOFFMAN pointed out that this project, which the community has been awaiting for 20-30 years, never made it to the design stage. He said he would appreciate the committee's support.

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There being no further objections, RPL 25-0-1050 was approved.

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REPRESENTATIVE DOOGAN inquired as to what happens now with the Marshall landfill.

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FRANK RICHARDS, Deputy Commissioner, Highways & Public Facilities, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, explained that the department determined, after high water events and ice flow on the Yukon River, that the original high water mark for the Marshall road and bridge project was lower than necessary. Therefore, the project needs to be repermited and the grade elevation needs to be raised. The department is proceeding with the permitting process and regular highway funds will be used to complete that project in the summer of 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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CHAIR MEYER announced that the committee would now go into executive session.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential audit reports under AS 24.20.301. There being no objection, the committee went into executive session at 9:42 a.m.

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CHAIR MEYER brought the committee back to order at 10:15 a.m.

RELEASE OF AUDITS

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM moved that the following final audits be released to the public: special report on the Department of Administration, Follow-up of Information System Controls over Alaska Data Enterprise Reporting (ALDER); special report on the Department of Corrections, Selected Health and Safety Issues, Part 1; and a special report on the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Capital Projects Review. There being no objection, the aforementioned final audits were released.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM moved the following preliminary audits be released to the agencies for response: sunset review of the Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development, Board of Marital & Family Therapy; sunset review of Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development, Board of Professional Counselors; and a sunset review of the Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development, Board of Social Work Examiners. There being no objection, the aforementioned preliminary audits were released.

AUDIT REQUESTS

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CHAIR MEYER announced that the committee would now hear about the audit requests that have been made.

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PAT DAVIDSON, Legislative Auditor, Division of Legislative Audit, Alaska State Legislature, explained that the Division of Legislative Audit has volunteered to participate in a single audit pilot project. Therefore, at the committee's December meeting she will present the committee with a letter requesting the project be released to the appropriate state and federal agencies. With the accountability requirements associated with the ARRA funds, the federal auditing entities are not happy that it takes nine months for the complete single audit process. Participation in this pilot project benefits the state in that it reduces the workload of the Division of Legislative Audit. Furthermore, the hope is that participating in the pilot project will satisfy the federal agencies in order to avoid the single audit timeframe being changed from nine months to six months. Moreover, participation in this pilot project will mean that the division won't request a meeting on December 31st, which would be the last day to get the single audit report out.

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CHAIR MEYER pointed out that committee is in receipt of a letter from the Alaska Correction Officers Association in which it thanks the committee for participating in the Department of Corrections audit.

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REPRESENTATIVE KURT OLSON, Alaska State Legislature, explained that after the difficulties with the South bound trip last January and the North bound trip at the end of session, information was requested from the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). There was not much of a response. Upon review of past Legislative Budget and Audit Committee audits, he realized that there hasn't been an audit of AMHS since 2004-2005. He related that he has questions regarding why most of the work on the M/V Kennicott was being performed out of state rather than in Ketchikan, to which he received vague answers. Ultimately, it was determined that a partial audit should be requested. He noted that the 33 spaces on the South bound trip [to Juneau this winter] filled up fast and only arrives a couple of days prior to the first day of session. He then related his latest understanding that the schedule for the vessel on the North bound trip leaves four days before the end of session. He characterized the aforementioned scheduling as not very professional and disappointing.

CHAIR MEYER remarked that the aforementioned would seem to be another item that the DOT&PF Budget Subcommittee could review.

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REPRESENTATIVE OLSON said that he would like to become a member of the DOT&PF Budget Subcommittee. Representative Olson then expressed the need for a review regarding why a lot of work on the AMHS vessels is being performed outside the state rather than in the Ketchikan boat yard. He suggested that perhaps it would be appropriate for the House Transportation Standing Committee to perform such a review.

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CHAIR MEYER opined that the aforementioned audit request is timely and necessary.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM moved that the committee approve Representative Olson's request for an audit of the procurement practices of the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Alaska Marine Highway System, regarding vessel maintenance and repair. There being no objection, it was approved.

RFP EVALUATIONS

10:25:01 AM

CHAIR MEYER then announced that the committee would turn its attention to the Request for Proposals (RFP) evaluations to choose a legislative consultant for economic analysis and modeling as it pertains to Alaska natural gas taxation. He reminded the committee that there was a subcommittee that reviewed the RFP, which was comprised of the following members: Representative Doogan, Representative Hawker, Senator Stedman, and Chair Meyer.

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JOSH APPLEBEE, Staff, Senator Meyer, Alaska State Legislature, noted that he has provided the committee with a summary of the final calculations for the RFP. Proposals from the following four proposals were submitted: Logsdon & Associates, IHS Cambridge Energy Research (CERA), EconOne, and Altos Management. The subcommittee unanimously decided that Altos Management's proposal ranked last and Logsdon & Associates proposal ranked first, which he attributed mainly to the difference in cost. The number two and three rankings varied among the subcommittee members, based on the cost calculation. The subcommittee members agreed that there were concerns regarding Logsdon & Associates access to data and ability to deliver the type of analysis that will likely be required. There was also concern with regard to the type of past experience Logsdon & Associates has had with the state, the committee, and the legislature. In the final review both EconOne and IHS CERA were viewed as having comparable rankings with EconOne scoring higher on costs and IHS CERA scoring higher on its knowledge basis, education, and experience factors. Mr. Applebee related that the subcommittee recommends that the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee authorize the chair to engage into contract negotiations with Logsdon & Associates as a top ranked respondent. The subcommittee further recommends that the chair enter into contract negotiations with IHS CERA to supplement the contract with Logsdon & Associates and work in conjunction to provide the maximum benefit to the committee as well as the legislature. The subcommittee also specified that the contract should not exceed \$500,000. Once negotiations are complete, the chair should notify the committee in regard to the type, length, and amount of the contract at the committee's next meeting.

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MR. APPLEBEE related that part of the RFP process is that the applicants certify that there is no conflict with current work with the administration or industry.

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REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER discussed the ranking and highlighted the heavy weighting of the cost factor. He emphasized that the ranking is not a reflection on any of the participants. He reviewed the reasons Logsdon & Associates, which he characterized as an excellent foundational contractor, was chosen along with IHS CERA in the wings. Representative Hawker reminded the committee of the time when the legislature allowed the executive access to the committee's consultants. Ultimately, the committee's consultants were conflicted out of working with the committee/legislature, and therefore the legislature needs to reestablish a group of competent, qualified support organizations to address upcoming technical issues. He said that Logsdon & Associates and IHS CERA represent a cost effective way to provide a balance of talent and experience, both of which will be necessary in the future.

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CHAIR MEYER noted his agreement with Representative Hawker that Logsdon & Associates will bring a local flavor and understanding of Alaska state government whereas IHS CERA will bring a national and international experience.

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REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER moved that the committee authorize the chair to engage both Logsdon & Associates and IHS CERA in separate contracts not to exceed \$500,000 to perform the specified scope identified under Section 5.01 of the RFP dated July 14, 2009. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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MR. APPLEBEE explained that the next step is to contact the two successful proposals and outline the scope of work the committee expects the contractors to fill.

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CHAIR MEYER reminded the committee of the past approval of the contracts with Dr. Wood and Mr. Dickinson, which were not to

exceed \$300,000. At the time, Legislative Legal and Research recommended that the committee enter into two contracts, which resulted in the committee making an estimate of the amount that Dr. Wood and Mr. Dickinson would receive of the \$300,000 total amount. However, the contract amounts need to be adjusted such that Dr. Wood's contract amount is increased by \$30,000 and Mr. Dickinson's contract is decreased by \$30,000, which will still result in the contracts together not exceeding \$300,000.

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MR. APPLEBEE noted his agreement with Chair Meyer's summary. He added that as the end of the calendar year approaches, it has been determined that the committee's allocations are a bit off. Therefore, without exceeding the total amount of the approved contract, the committee is being asked to reallocate so that both contractors can continue to work and be paid appropriately for that work.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAHLSTROM moved that the committee authorize the chair to amend the contracts with Dr. Wood and Mr. Dickinson to reflect a reallocation of \$30,000 between the two contracts. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.