Memorandum

To: Sitka School Board

From: Randy Hughey, Alaska Technical Services

Date: January 3, 2014

Subject: Design-Build Contract for the Sitka High Vo-Tech Facility

Background:

In 2012, the City of Sitka, on behalf of Sitka School District, received a Department of Commerce grant for $2,900,000 for the construction of a “Sitka School District Vocational Education Facility”. The money is to be used for design, construction, equipment, computerization, and administration in the completion of an approximately 8,000 square foot open work space in what is now the chain link compound behind the existing Sitka High shops. The City, having too many projects to complete at the time, has allowed the District to manage this project and Randy Hughey has been hired to administer the project.

Rather than the conventional process of developing a plan then putting the plan out to bid and selecting the lowest bidder, a design-build process was chosen as the way to get this project done to the greatest satisfaction and value to the District. Through a two stage process of evaluating both the qualifications of a design-build team and the qualities of the design they propose, a team of District employees has selected CBC Construction and McCool Carlson Green Architects as our design-build team.

The contract structure which we have established creates a design phase to be completed in March of 2014 followed by a construction contract awarded in May.

Because the funding for this project is with the City, the School Board will need to approve the selection of the design-build contractor then the City Assembly will need to do the same.

Recommendation:

Approve the selection of CBC Construction/McCool Carlson Green as our design build team and authorize the expenditure of $135,016.50 from the Department of Commerce Grant 13-DC-534 for the design phase of the building.