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Mr. Robert French
Via Email: bgkfrench@gmail.com

Dear Mr. French:

On March 2, 2020, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) received your public records request for additional information regarding contracts related to the Knik Arm Crossing project. A previous public records request was dated April 24, 2019, and you were provided copies of contracts #2519H036 (Nordata Services), #2519H049 (Hemenway Consulting), and #25192025 (HDR).

Contracts #2519H036 (Nordata Services) and #2519H049 (Hemenway Consulting) did not generate progress reports outside of the invoices; that portion of your public records request is denied under 2 AAC 96.355 (a)(1). The only contract deliverable related to the Knik Arm Crossing project under either of these contracts was to produce a report providing analysis for moving forward to financing and construction of the Knik Arm Crossing. That document is currently being reviewed and has been determined to be deliberative at this time; therefore, its production is denied under 2 AAC 96.335(a)(4). When the final report is issued, it can be made available under a future request.

Deliverables under the HDR Contract #25192025 are related to acquisition and relocation activities that are regulated under federal law; those documents are currently under review by the Attorney General's office. I understand that Jill Reese, DOT&PF's Central Region Public Information Officer, will be in touch with you regarding those documents and their release, as well as providing invoices for the contract.

I am authorized by the Commissioner of DOT&PF to deny public records requests. You may administratively appeal this denial by complying with 2 AAC 96.340. An administrative appeal requires no appeal bond. Also, you may seek immediate judicial review by seeking an injunction from the superior court under AS 40.25.125. Not pursuing an injunction will not adversely affect your rights in appealing the denial to the Commissioner of DOT&PF at the address provided above.

Please find a copy of the pertinent regulatory language for 2 AAC 96.335 – 2 AAC 96.350 enclosed.

Questions may be directed to Jill Reese at 907-269-0772 or jill.reese@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Sunny Haight

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Deputy Director

Enclosure