

**SUBJECT:** Award of bid number 26-018B to Ficklin Construction, LLC for the contract amount of \$115,612.00 to Pioneer Peak Trailhead Parking Expansion.

**AGENDA OF: August 5, 2025**

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To:	Signature
Purchasing Officer	X <u>Dustin Silva</u> Signed by: Dustin Silva 7/23/2025
Public Works Director	X <u>Cole Branham for Tom Ada...</u> Signed by: Cole Branham 7/23/2025
Finance Director	X <u>Liesel Zanto for CH</u> Signed by: Liesel W. Zanto 7/23/2025
Borough Attorney	X <u>John Aschenbrenner</u> Signed by: John Aschenbrenner 7/23/2025
Borough Manager	X <u>Michael Brown</u> Signed by: Mike Brown 7/23/2025
Borough Clerk	X <u>Lonnie McKechnie</u> Signed by: Lonnie McKechnie 7/24/2025

**ATTACHMENT (S) :** Analysis Sheet (1p)  
Scope of Work (2p)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** On July 3, 2025, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Purchasing Division issued a solicitation requesting bids from qualified contractors to expand the existing parking lot of the Pioneer Ridge-Austin Helmers (Pioneer Peak) Trailhead and install a Borough-owned vault latrine. The Construction Services purchased will support the Public Works Department in assembly district #1.

In response to the advertisement, four bids were received. Award recommendation is being made to Ficklin Construction, LLC as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder based on Total Bid Amount.

The final completion date for this project is October 31, 2025.

In accordance with MSB 3.08.170(B), Administration requests

authority to modify the resulting contract completion date by 90 days for unforeseen circumstances.

The Public Works Department, Projects Division will be administering the contract.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Approve the subject action memorandum.

## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

## FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <b>YES</b> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$115,612.00	FUNDING SOURCE Cultural and Rec Services Capital Projects
FROM ACCOUNT # 440.000.000 4xx.xxx	PROJECT#15015
TO ACCOUNT :	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: <div style="text-align: right;">7 / 2 3 / 2 0 2 5</div> <div style="text-align: center;">X M e r i s s a C a r r e l l</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Signed by: M e r i s s a C a r r e l l</div>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE:	DATE:

## EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL		115.6				
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REVENUE						
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## FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other		115.6				
TOTAL		115.6				

## POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: L i e s e l W e i l a n d

**BID 26-018B**  
**Pioneer Peak Trailhead Parking Expansion**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

**Project Overview:** The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) is requesting bids from qualified contractors to expand the existing parking lot of the Pioneer Ridge-Austin Helmers (Pioneer Peak) Trailhead, and install an MSB-owned latrine.

**Scope of Work:** This project's purpose is to improve the Pioneer Ridge-Austin Helmers (Pioneer Peak) Trailhead by expanding the existing parking lot and installing a vault latrine. The project area is located at approximately milepost 3.8 of E Knik River Road east of the Old Glenn Highway in Palmer, Alaska. See Vicinity Map (Attachment #1) for more information.

All construction shall be completed in accordance with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Standard Specifications for Highway Construction (SSHC) 2017 Edition. Project specific special provisions are provided in the following sections. The requirements contained in these specifications and special provisions are hereby made a part of this solicitation and resultant contract.

The contractor is to provide resources to complete this project without any adjustments in the original bid amount or contract time.

The contractor shall submit their Traffic Control Plan to the MSB Project Manager and Permitting Center at least 5 days prior to starting work.

The contractor shall coordinate the parking lot construction with all utility relocation work. Request locates from the utility companies in the area. Use the Alaska Digline, Inc. Locate Call Center. See Section 105-1.06 for Digline number and a list of utility companies in the area.

Upon Notice to Proceed (NTP), the contractor shall complete right-of-way (ROW) and utility easement surveys, staking, clearing, and all necessary SWPPP items to support utility relocation. This work shall be included in items 201(3B), 642(1), 641(1), and 641(3). Any additional stump removal required for utility support will be directed as needed and is not included in these items. The utility relocation plans included with this bid identify the additional support areas. The utility contacts are as follows:

MEA - Greg Errico, P.E.  
EEE, LLC  
Cell: (907) 242-7669  
[errico@gci.net](mailto:errico@gci.net)

MTA - Hunter Hegge  
OSP Construction Supervisor  
Cell: (907) 795-5303  
[hhegge@mtasolutions.com](mailto:hhegge@mtasolutions.com)

The contractor will contact and work with CXT/LB Foster Innovation, to coordinate the delivery and installation of the CXT.

CXT/L.B. Foster - Ali Carins  
Senior Project Manager  
T: 509-892-3238  
[acairns@lbfoster.com](mailto:acairns@lbfoster.com)

CXT/L.B. Foster - Matt Armitage  
Logistics Department  
T: 509-892-3250  
[marmitage@lbfoster.com](mailto:marmitage@lbfoster.com)

The contractor is to prepare the site for the owner-supplied CXT Special Vault Toilet, be on site for delivery with a crane suitable for safe removal of the Vault/CXT from the delivery truck, and install vault/CXT as prescribed by manufacturer standards and specifications detailed in the CXT info and drawings (Attachment #3). Delivery of the latrine is scheduled for mid-September.

The contractor is responsible for the excavation and removal of existing toilet structure.

The contractor is responsible for safe removal of signage and replacement at the conclusion of work.

The contractor must designate a primary point of contact for public inquiries related to the construction project. The contact person's details must be submitted to the MSB Project Manager within seven (7) days of the contract award. This information will be included in all construction notices distributed to residents in the project area. The designated contact must be accessible during normal business hours, capable of addressing resident concerns, providing updates, and coordinating any project-related issues with the MSB Project Manager. The contractor is responsible for keeping this contact information accurate and up to date for the duration of the project. Any changes must be communicated to the MSB Project Manager within two (2) business days. Additionally, the contractor must ensure that the designated contact is trained and prepared to handle public inquiries effectively, including addressing complaints and providing timely responses.

The Contractor shall provide a proposed construction schedule within seven (7) days of contract award. The Contractor shall periodically, or as requested, update the schedule.

Time is of the essence. Work shall be completed in one continuous timeframe. Substantial Completion shall be achieved by **9/26/2025**, and Final Completion shall be achieved by **10/31/2025**.

Complete work between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM AKDT.

Estimated project magnitude is less than \$125,000.

**DETAILED BID TABULATION: 26-018B**  
**Pioneer Peak Trailhead Parking Expansion**

					Ficklin Construction		Pro Built, LLC		Granite Construction Company		H Construction, LLC	
Bid Schedule												
Item Number	Item Code	Pay Item Description	Pay Unit	Estimated Quantity	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	201(3B)	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	ACRE	0.50	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
2	202(1)	EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING TOILET	LUMP SUM	1.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3	203(3)	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION	CUBIC YARD	341.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 5,115.00	\$ 43.90	\$ 14,969.90	\$ 30.00	\$ 10,230.00	\$ 76.25	\$ 26,001.25
4	203(19)	BORROW, TYPE IIA	CUBIC YARD	47.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 117.02	\$ 5,499.94	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 153.20	\$ 7,200.40
5	301(4)	AGGREGATE SURFACE COURSE, GRADING E-1	CUBIC YARD	178.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 8,366.00	\$ 89.88	\$ 15,988.64	\$ 100.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 117.98	\$ 21,000.44
6	615(2)	REMOVE AND RELOCATE SIGN	EACH	1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
7	618(1)	SEEDING	ACRE	0.12	\$ 300.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 216.67	\$ 26.00
8	620(1)	TOPSOIL	ACRE	0.12	\$ 600.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
9	622(11)	CXT, SPECIAL VAULT TOILET PREPARATION & INSTALL	LUMP SUM	1.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
10	630(2)	GEOTEXTILE, STABILIZATION, CLASS 1	SQUARE YARD	1,402.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 8,412.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,402.00	\$ 8.56	\$ 12,001.12
11	640(1)	MOBILIZATION AND DEMOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	ALL REQUIRED		\$ 34,000.00		\$ 10,000.00		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
12	641(3)	TEMPORARY EROSION AND POLLUTION CONTROL	LUMP SUM	ALL REQUIRED		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 6,500.00		\$ 10,000.00		\$ 8,200.00
13	642(1)	CONSTRUCTION SURVEY	LUMP SUM	ALL REQUIRED		\$ 8,000.00		\$ 4,500.00		\$ 10,000.00		\$ 5,500.00
14	643(1)	TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE	LUMP SUM	ALL REQUIRED		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,500.00		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 4,500.00
15	643(2)	PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION SIGNS	LUMP SUM	ALL REQUIRED		\$ 1.00		\$ 3,500.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 3,500.00
16	800(1)	INTERIM WORK AUTHORIZATION	CONTINGENT SUM	ALL REQUIRED		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
Total Bid Amount					\$115,612.00		\$128,370.48		\$180,952.00		\$168,429.21	
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