

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 21-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY TO PURSUE A U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT
WITH THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF
NOATAK TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR A
SOLAR/BATTERY PROJECT, AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS: the Native Village of Noatak Tribal Council (“NVNTC”) is a federally recognized Tribe and the governing body of the community of Noatak, Alaska; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough desires to help improve the quality of life and improve the infrastructure for the residents of the community of Noatak; and

WHEREAS: Noatak’s electricity needs are currently met exclusively by diesel generation provided by the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough desires to work with NVNTC to develop a community solar photovoltaic (“PV”) array and battery energy storage to supplement the existing diesel electric system (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS: solar PV technology and battery energy storage have been proven effective in other communities in the region and around the world; and

WHEREAS: the NVNTC is a member of the Northwest Arctic Energy Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS: NVNTC is eligible to apply for U.S. Department of Energy – Office of Indian Energy (DOE-OIE) Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0002317, “Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands” as a member of a Tribal Energy Development Organization (“TEDO”); and

WHEREAS: NVNTC, with support from the NANA Regional Corporation, submitted a letter and application for reduced cost share to 10% of non-federal funds to DOE-OIE for a solar PV and battery storage project and DOE-OIE approved the request; and

WHEREAS: on January 12, 2021, NVNTC passed Resolution 21-02 “Resolution Of The Native Village Of Noatak Tribal Council To Establish Tribal Energy Development Organization With The Northwest Arctic Borough To Pursue U.S. Department Of Energy Office Of Indian Energy Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0002317, ‘Energy-technology Deployment On Tribal Lands’”; and


WHEREAS: Northwest Arctic Borough desires to enter into a TEDO agreement with NVNTC for the limited purpose of securing grant funding under DOE-OIE’s Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002317 to develop a solar PV and battery energy storage system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approves execution of a TEDO agreement with NVNTC for the limited purpose of securing grant funding under DOE-OIE’s Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002317 to develop a solar PV and battery energy storage system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough and NVNTC jointly submit a grant request for \$2,000,000 to DOE-OIE to procure and construct a solar PV and battery energy storage system to integrate into the local electric grid and reduce energy costs for community members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Northwest Arctic Borough commits to a cost share up to \$250,000 of the DOE-OIE grant proposal and subsequent project if awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

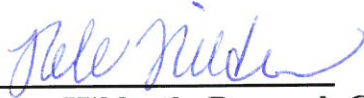

Nathan Hadley Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.



Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

