

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 23-20**

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

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly is the governing body for the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough is a home rule regional government and provides essential programs and services to improve the quality of life for all residents and their 11 communities, including Ambler; and

WHEREAS: the Native Village of Ambler Tribal Council (“NVATC”) is a federally recognized Tribe and the governing body of the community of Ambler; and

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

WHEREAS: the Borough confirms that the Project is on Tribal Land as is defined in the DOE FOA # DE-FOA-0002975, as the Project is located in the Northwest Arctic Borough, a census tract in which the majority of the residents are Alaska Native; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough desires to work with NVATC 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 NVATC is a member of the Northwest Arctic Energy Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS: NVATC is eligible to apply for U.S. Department of Energy – Office of Indian Energy (DOE-OIE) Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0002975, “Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands –

2023” as a member of a Tribal Energy Development Organization (“TEDO”) for Ambler, known as the Ambler Northwest Energy TEDO (“ANE-TEDO”); and

WHEREAS: NVATC, with support from the NANA Regional Corporation, commits \$300,000 cash at the request reduced cost share of 10% of non-federal funds to DOE-OIE for a solar PV and battery storage project; and

WHEREAS: on April 20, 2023, NVATC passed Resolution 23-03 “Resolution of Ambler Traditional Council to Establish a Tribal Energy Development Organization Between The Northwest Arctic Borough and Ambler Traditional Council For the Purposes of Obtaining Funding for the Ambler Solar PV and Battery Project”; and

WHEREAS: Northwest Arctic Borough desires to enter into a TEDO agreement with NVATC, known as the ANE-TEDO, for the limited purpose of securing grant funding under DOE-OIE’s Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002975 to develop a solar PV and battery energy storage system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approves execution of the ANE-TEDO agreement with NVATC for the limited purpose of securing grant funding under DOE-OIE’s Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002975 to develop a solar PV and battery energy storage system in Ambler; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough and NVATC jointly submit a grant request for \$3,000,000 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 the Northwest Arctic Borough commits to a cost share up to \$300,000 cash of the DOE-OIE grant proposal and subsequent project if awarded and if needed to cover additional cost share; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough authorizes Mayor Dickie Moto to act as the Business Contact and to represent the Tribe in matters related to this grant program and construction project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough authorizes Ingemar Mathiasson, Borough Energy Manager, to act as the Project Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL 2023.


Nathan Hadley Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL 2023.


Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL 2023.


Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:





NATIVE VILLAGE OF AMBLER

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Native Village of Ambler Ambler Traditional Council Resolution 2023-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE AMBLER TRADITIONAL COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH AND AMBLER TRADITIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSES OF OBTAINING FUNDING FOR THE AMBLER SOLAR PV AND BATTERY PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Ambler ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Tribe established pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and amended in 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Ambler Traditional Council ("Council") is the governing body for the Native Village of Ambler; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to partner with the Northwest Arctic Borough ("Borough"), its regional government, to establish a Tribal Energy Development Organization ("TEDO") between the borough and Tribe for the purpose of obtaining funding for the Ambler Solar PV and Battery Project (the "Project"), with a total cost of \$3,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to improve the quality of life for the residence of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to provide clean, renewable energy for the community, which includes its Tribal members and businesses that pay for power in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe believes strongly in the benefits that the Project will provide, including stabilizing energy costs well into the future, reduced emissions, and reduced risk of environmental damage that result from displaced fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, Ambler's electricity needs are currently met exclusively by diesel-generated power provided by the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the tribe confirms that the project is on Tribal Land as is defined in the DOE FOA # DE-FOA-0002975 due to the fact that the project is located in the Northwest Arctic Borough, a census tract in which the majority of the residents are Natives; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe commits to enter into an agreement with the Borough to create a Tribal Energy Development Organization ("TEDO") henceforth named "Ambler Northwest Energy" ("ANE-TEDO") for the limited purposes of securing grand funding to develop the Solar PV and Battery project in Ambler; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tribe authorizes the Borough to submit the DE-FOA-0002975 "Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands-2023" grant proposal for \$3,000,000 to the Department of Energy on behalf of ANE-TEDO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribe commits to a cost share of \$300,000 to the DE-FOA-0002975 "Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands-2023" Grant proposal with NANA Village Economic Investment ("VEI") Funds made available to the Native Village of Ambler and subsequent project if awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribe authorizes Dickie Moto, Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor, to act as the Business Contact and to represent the Tribe in matters related to this grant program and construction project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tribe authorizes Ingemar Mathiasson, Borough Energy Manager, to act as the Project Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE AMBLER TRADITIONAL COUNCIL ON THIS DAY, APRIL 20, 2023

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Miles Cleveland Sr.

Clara M. Cleveland

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Miles Cleveland Sr. 4/20/23

Clara M. Cleveland 4/20/23

President

DATE

Secretary

DATE