

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Purchasing & Contracting Department

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Borough Mayor *PMU*  
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *ARRR*

**FROM:** John Hedges, Purchasing and Contracting Director *JH*

**DATE:** March 26, 2026

**RE:** Resolution 2026- 019, Approving a Standardization Policy for the Use of Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc., ArcGIS Software (Mayor)

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KPB 5.28.280 provides for contract award without competition when the purchase is pursuant to a standardization policy approved by the Assembly.

Environmental Systems Research Institute's (ESRI) ArcGIS software platform is the industry standard for enterprise geographic information systems and has been utilized by KPB for decades. It is deeply embedded in day-to-day KPB operations — from parcel fabric and tax assessment to 911 addressing, road network management, elections, and emergency management, among others. Beyond these functions, KPB GIS staff has spent considerable time and effort building data, custom configurations, automated workflows, and integrations on top of the platform. ESRI/ArcGIS is the only practical industry option for these services. It is in the best interest of KPB to standardize the procurement of the ArcGIS software platform in order to maintain compatibility with existing KPB requirements.

Licensing costs have been included in the FY2026 GIS operating budget, with future funding to be requested through the regular budget process as needed. ESRI has provided a quote for a Small Government Enterprise Agreement covering ArcGIS software, maintenance, and support for KPB-wide use for three years, totaling \$179,100, and a standardization policy is requested for a period of six years, equivalent to the duration of two typical contract terms.

Your consideration is appreciated.