

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Office of Emergency Management

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Kelly Cooper, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*  
John Hedges, Purchasing & Contracting Director *JH*

**FROM:** Dan Nelson, Senior Manager - OEM *DN*

**DATE:** September 1, 2020

**RE:** Resolution 2020-063, Providing Authorization for Sole Source Procurement to Obtain Parts and Services from Federal Signal Corporation (Mayor)

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The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) installed a digital siren system from Federal Signal Corporation in 2007 to replace antiquated mechanical sirens in use at that time. OEM manages and maintains the siren system through preventative maintenance and testing. However, the core controllers of the system are no longer supported, and OEM has been encountering repeated failures of these components.

As part of our testing program and experience with tsunami warning events in the past few years, it has also been identified that upgrades are required to provide additional voice recordings and communications capability to each siren. This allows for greater control and utility of the system and eliminates reliance on the National Weather Service radio system which has experienced a number of site outages over the last year.

Federal Signal is the only vendor for the upgraded components, and will also provide a field representative to install, test, and configure the new siren system. By authorizing the sole source with Federal Signal, it allows for the speakers and other parts that have a longer lifespan to continue to be utilized, rather than rebuilding a system from scratch with a new vendor.

Funding of \$149,934 was previously appropriated in the FY21 Equipment Replacement Fund budget for this project. The siren component portion of this project totals \$83,083.50.

Your authorization for the sole source procurement is appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT / FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>705.94910.21E06.48120</u>
Amount:	<u>\$83,083.50</u>
By: <u>PP</u>	Date: _____
By: <u>BH</u>	