

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Purchasing and Contracting Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*

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

DATE: October 12, 2023

RE: Resolution 2023-*066* Authorizing a Sole Source Contract Award for the Acquisition of the Epic Electronic Medical Software for South Peninsula Hospital (Mayor)

Ordinance 2023-19-11, authorized and appropriated a \$7,000,000 interfund loan from the general fund to the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area for the purpose of a capital improvement purchase of an electronic medical records software system (EMR) and associated implementation costs.

Per South Peninsula Hospital (SPH):

- The current EMR software is 20+ years old and has reached end-of-life. Replacement of the EMR software will increase patient access and transferability of medical records as well as provide hospital employees with additional tools for better serving patients;
- Epic is the EMR used by Central Peninsula Hospital, Providence, and Alaska Regional hospitals, where SPH transfers its patients requiring a higher level of care. Using the same system as SPH's large regional partners will allow better continuity of care and a better experience for patients.
- Additionally, replacement of SPH's current systems with Epic's integrated system capable of electronically exchanging information with Anchorage-based and other health facilities will allow for improved care coordination for all SPH's patients.

For these reasons it is in the best interests of the Borough and the residents of South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area to authorize a sole source contract award with an estimated cost of \$5,000,000. There is \$7,000,000 available for the total project cost.

Your consideration is appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED	
Account:	<u>491.81210.24EMR.49999</u>
Amount:	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
By: <u><i>CJ</i></u>	Date: <u>10/13/2023</u>
By: <u><i>BH</i></u>	