

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Purchasing and Contracting Department

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director *BH*
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*

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

DATE: March 21, 2024

RE: Resolution 2024-013 , Authorizing a Standardization Policy for the Use of Trimble Inc. Survey Equipment, Software, and Services (Mayor)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) has identified various needs for the use of survey equipment, software, and services in day-to-day operations. Survey equipment is predominantly sold, calibrated, upgraded and repaired through authorized resellers. Trimble Inc. is a leading survey equipment manufacturer and geospatial technology provider in North America.

Trimble equipment is commonly used throughout the KPB. Standardization of survey equipment, both in the KPB and with the KPB's service partners, maintains compatibility and creates efficiencies in operation that drive value and lower costs to the taxpayer.

Frontier Precision is currently the only authorized distributor and certified warranty repair center for Trimble products in Alaska.

Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area has already incorporated the use of Trimble equipment and is taking advantage of a partnership with the National Parks Service to minimize the capital costs for those purposes.

KPB Land Management Division's land survey position requires the purchase of survey supplies and equipment. The position will use the surveying equipment regularly to help facilitate Land Management operations, and provide interdepartmental support as needed.

Pursuant to KPB 5.28.280 - which allows for an assembly approved standardization policy in order to maintain compatibility with existing Borough requirements - it is in the best interests of the KPB to standardize the use of Trimble survey equipment, software, and services. Under the standardization policy, the Mayor is authorized to approve all transactions for Trimble survey equipment. The policy will expire on April 1, 2029.

Your consideration is appreciated.