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To Our Consultant, Construction, and Development Partners:

As Anchorage, Alaska, and the nation respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, we at the Municipality want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to continue our design and construction program of work for 2020. We recognize the importance of these projects to the citizens of Anchorage, and to the economy.

The pandemic is touching all aspects of our daily lives. From the health of our families, friends, and co-workers to the economic impacts created by changes to our social contacts with one another, each of us is having to adjust how we approach both personal and work-related interactions. Recognizing the need to keep our economy moving forward as much as possible during this period, the Municipality of Anchorage is working to minimize the economic impact on the construction industry.

The Project Management and Engineering, Parks, Planning, Maintenance and Operations, Development Services, Traffic, Public Works, and Purchasing Departments, Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility, Solid Waste Services, and the Port of Alaska all are committed to putting our planned 2020 construction projects out to bid, and continuing to support and advance private development projects. We know the importance of our mission of building public infrastructure and supporting private projects to meet the needs of our community. We also realize how MOA's capital projects contribute to our economy by providing stimulus to the construction industry.

Several construction projects have been awarded and work will begin when weather allows. Other projects are slated to be advertised in the coming weeks. We are actively working with our design engineers and consultants and are coordinating with MOA's Purchasing Department to make 2020 construction happen as planned. MOA Building Safety continues to accept applications and issue building permits and inspect private construction projects. MOA Planning is actively processing platting and other development applications.

We also want you to know that we have moved swiftly in response to the COVID-19 situation to protect employee's health. We are practicing social distancing and are using tools to work remotely with our project teams and partners. We are successfully using virtual meeting software to meet with consultants, conduct public meetings, and hold preconstruction meetings.

You have our collective commitment to partner with all of you as we move ahead. Together we will succeed.

Sincerely,

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