



DATE: 18 September 2015

To: Mayor Hill & Haines Borough Assembly

From: David B. Sosa, Borough Manager

Subject: LOCAL BIDDER PREFERENCE

1. In this week's packet the Assembly will find correspondence from local business owners regarding local preference.
2. I have directed staff to review the request and provide recommendations. From my initial review I offer the following thoughts:
 - a. The request to have the Local Bidder Preference clearly identified in bid documents is worth strong consideration and, barring any legal concerns, I would recommend implementing this.
 - b. The request for Haines to match other communities in offering a 5% local bidder preference is worth strong consideration. I have directed staff to review the policies of other communities in Southeast Alaska and make a recommendation.
 - c. The desire for mandatory local bidder selection requires more detailed staff work and a thorough review before any recommendation can be offered.
3. Staff will continue to provide feedback on this item and I hope to have a staff report to the Assembly included in the packet for the 27 October Assembly Meeting.

Respectfully,

D.B. Sosa

David B. Sosa

Haines Borough Manager