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Mr. Marc Luiken, Commissioner
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
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Dear Commissioner Luiken,

As you are aware ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 and the State of Alaska on January 27, 2017 entered into LGR 17-G-128 regarding DOT&PF Design Group Contracting Out. I have attached a copy of the LGR for your reference.

I am writing specifically regarding the provision of point 1 of the LGR which states the following: "Based on staffing levels without regard to these 76 positions, the Department has the resources necessary to complete anticipated projects as historically managed, without shifting additional engineering work to outside contractors."

Prior to the end of FY 2017 and before the FY 2018 Capital Budget was adopted by the Alaska Legislature, I was receiving reports that the Department was entering into new contracts with private firms which is resulting in an increased percentage of the DOT design functions being moved to the private sector. If that is the case, this is a clear violation of this provision of LGR 17-G-128.

To verify that this is not occurring I am requesting the following information:

- The number of DOT design contracts with private firms on January 27, 2017.
- The period of time for each contract.
- The dollar value of each contract.
- The number of new DOT design contracts that have been entered into since January 27, 2017.
- The period of time for each new contract.
- The dollar value of each new contract.

Additionally, now that the FY 2018 Capital Budget has passed please provide the following:

- The number of new projects in FY 2018 that will require DOT design functions.
- The number of filled design positions in DOT that will be assigned to these projects.
- The approximate percentage of the DOT design function that will be outsourced to private consultants during FY 2018 (note that point 6 of the LGR stated that approximately 55% was outsourced on January 17, 2017).

I am sure you understand that it is very important that the relevant provisions of LGR 17-G-128 be followed by the Department of Transportation and the State of Alaska.

Thanks in advance for providing the requested information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Duncan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Duncan

Executive Director

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

cc: Kate Sheehan, Director
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