



THE TATITLEK CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Infrastructure Improvement Opportunity Study – RFP No. 26-01

Issued by: The Tatitlek Corporation, on behalf of itself and the Native Village of Tatitlek

Date Issued: June 26, 2026 (as amended August 26, 2026) **Proposals Due:** September 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Alaska Time

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RFP NO. 26-01 — ISSUED AUGUST 26, 2026

This Amendment No. 1 extends the response schedule for RFP No. 26-01 (originally issued June 26, 2026) as set forth below, to provide interested firms additional time to review and respond. All other terms, conditions, and requirements of the RFP remain unchanged and remain in full effect.

Revised Deadline for Questions: September 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Alaska Time (originally July 31, 2026).

Revised Proposals Due: September 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Alaska Time (originally August 14, 2026).

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Tatitlek Corporation ("TTC"), the Alaska Native village corporation for the Native Village of Tatitlek, invites qualified firms and individuals to submit proposals to conduct an Infrastructure Improvement Opportunity Study for the Village of Tatitlek, Alaska. The study is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration ("EDA"), under Award No. 07-69-07947.

TTC is the Lead Recipient under the EDA award and will administer this procurement and the resulting contract, in close coordination with the Native Village of Tatitlek. The purpose of the project is to strengthen the Village's economic foundations by identifying and evaluating investments in infrastructure and transportation, and by producing a cost/benefit assessment that helps the Tribe select and prioritize future infrastructure improvements and support future funding applications.

Community profile. Tatitlek is a remote Alutiiq (Sugpiaq) village of approximately 88 residents on the shores of Prince William Sound, about 45 miles southeast of Valdez, accessible only by boat or aircraft. The community has maintained a continuous connection to its homeland for thousands of years and has shown marked resilience through events including the 1964 earthquake and tsunami and the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Like many remote Alaska communities, Tatitlek faces transportation limitations, high shipping costs, and limited local employment, all of which constrain economic development and access to essential services.

This study will help the Tribe identify and prioritize the infrastructure and transportation investments most likely to strengthen the Village's economy and long-term well-being.

No construction. This is a conceptual planning and analysis engagement only; it does not include engineering design, bid-ready design documents, or construction-phase services. No construction, design-build, or physical infrastructure work of any kind is authorized or permitted under this contract or the underlying EDA award.

2. PROCUREMENT CONDITIONS AND CONTACT

Performance of this procurement is conducted in a manner consistent with the procurement standards of the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200) and applicable EDA regulations (13 CFR part 305 and the conflict-of-interest provisions of 13 CFR § 302.17). TTC is soliciting competitive proposals from an adequate number of qualified sources.

All questions and proposals must be directed to the TTC point of contact: Amanda Huettl, Director of Compliance & Risk, The Tatitlek Corporation, 561 E. 36th Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99503. Phone: (907) 278-4000 | Email: ahuettl@tatitlek.com

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to the contact above no later than **September 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Alaska Time** (as extended by Amendment No. 1). Responses to substantive questions will be shared with all known prospective proposers. Proposers are encouraged to submit early.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected contractor will conduct an infrastructure opportunity study for the Village of Tatitlek, with analysis concentrated in the Tribe's highest-priority areas: port and harbor facilities, transportation, and related economic development. All work must remain within the authorized scope of the underlying EDA award. Final deliverables are due no later than March 31, 2027, with all work completed well in advance of the EDA period of performance, which ends September 30, 2027.

The study comprises the following scope of work and deliverables.

3.1 Scope of Work

The study shall be completed in accordance with the project schedule established at kickoff, with final deliverables due no later than **March 31, 2027**. The study includes the following tasks:

1. **Project kickoff and work plan.** Hold a kickoff meeting with TTC and Native Village of Tatitlek representatives; finalize scope, schedule, and a project work plan; and establish the cadence for ongoing coordination, including regular project status update meetings.
2. **Project status update meetings.** Hold regular project status update meetings with TTC (and the Native Village of Tatitlek as appropriate), on at least a monthly basis, to review progress against the schedule, surface and resolve issues, and confirm next steps. Meetings may be held by video or teleconference.

3. **Review and update of infrastructure planning priorities.** Review current infrastructure planning priorities with TTC, Village leadership, and community members, and update them as appropriate. This task fulfills the award's requirement to engage stakeholders and community members.
4. **Cost/benefit and economic analysis of priority projects.** Conduct a formal cost/benefit and economic analysis of the priority port/harbor and transportation projects identified with the Tribe (for example, harbor and marina improvements and ferry/dock transportation improvements), including the relationships, interdependencies, and sequencing among these projects, order-of-magnitude cost ranges, anticipated economic benefits (including potential job creation/retention and private-investment effects, consistent with the kinds of outcomes EDA tracks), and key risks and dependencies.
5. **Prioritization framework.** Deliver a clear, documented framework that ranks or sequences the analyzed projects to help the Tribe prioritize infrastructure improvement options. This is the cost/benefit assessment contemplated by the EDA award.
6. **Funding and implementation roadmap.** Provide a funding and implementation roadmap that identifies potential funding sources and a phasing approach to support future grant applications and advancement of the priority projects.
7. **Final report and presentation.** Deliver a written study report and give a final presentation to TTC and the Native Village of Tatitlek.

3.2 Deliverables

- Project work plan and schedule
- Regular project status update meetings (at least monthly)
- Documented stakeholder/community engagement
- Cost/benefit and economic analysis
- Prioritization framework
- Funding and implementation roadmap
- Draft and final study reports
- Final presentation to TTC and the Native Village of Tatitlek

4. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

To allow consistent evaluation, proposals should be organized as follows. Proposals are limited to 15 pages, excluding resumes, references, and required certifications.

1. **Cover letter / firm profile.** Firm name, address, contact person, year established, ownership, and a brief statement of the firm's capacity to perform the work.
2. **Understanding and approach.** The firm's understanding of the project and a detailed methodology for the Scope of Work.
3. **Project team.** Key personnel, roles, and résumés, with attention to relevant experience. Identify the project manager.
4. **Experience and references.** Description of comparable work — infrastructure feasibility, cost/benefit, or economic studies, ideally in rural Alaska and/or with Alaska Native or Tribal entities — and at least **three (3) references** for similar engagements.
5. **Schedule.** A proposed timeline and milestones for the Scope of Work demonstrating completion of all final deliverables no later than March 31, 2027, in advance of the EDA period of performance ending September 30, 2027.
6. **Budget.** A cost proposal broken out by task. See Section 6 regarding the budget ceiling.
7. **Required submissions.** A conflict-of-interest statement (see Section 7), and the proposer's SAM Unique Entity ID (UEI) with confirmation of active SAM.gov registration so that TTC can verify the proposer's exclusion status.
8. Any additional information the firm believes is relevant.

5. EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Proposals will be evaluated by a TTC review committee on a 100-point basis using the criteria below. TTC reserves the right to interview finalists and to request clarifications.

Criteria	Points
Qualifications and experience of the firm and key personnel (esp. infrastructure feasibility / cost-benefit work and rural Alaska or Tribal experience)	25
Project approach and methodology, and understanding of the scope	25
Cost	25
Past performance and references	25
Total	100

TTC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive minor informalities, to negotiate with one or more proposers, and to cancel this solicitation if it is in TTC's best interest. Issuance of this RFP does not obligate TTC to award a contract. Before any award, TTC will verify that the selected firm is not debarred, suspended, or excluded by checking SAM.gov Exclusions.

6. BUDGET

The total amount available under this engagement is **not to exceed \$100,000**, inclusive of all fees, expenses, and any applicable taxes. This ceiling covers the entire engagement; proposers must show how the proposed work fits within it. Payment is on a **reimbursement basis** against satisfactorily completed, invoiced work.

7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Federal funding.** This contract is funded by EDA Award No. 07-69-07947 and is subject to the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200), EDA regulations (13 CFR part 305; 13 CFR § 302.17), and all applicable federal requirements.
2. **No construction.** No construction or physical infrastructure work is authorized.
3. **Independent contractor; licensing.** The contractor is an independent contractor and must hold a current Alaska business license and any other required licenses and permits.
4. **Insurance.** The contractor must carry insurance meeting TTC's standard vendor requirements.
5. **Debarment and suspension.** This contract is a covered transaction under 2 CFR part 180, as adopted by the U.S. Department of Commerce at 2 CFR part 1326. By entering into the contract, the contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in covered transactions by any federal department or agency. The contractor must comply with 2 CFR part 180, subpart C, provide its SAM Unique Entity ID (UEI), notify TTC immediately if this certification becomes erroneous, and include these requirements in any lower-tier covered transaction (e.g., subcontract) expected to equal or exceed \$25,000. These obligations are incorporated into and governed by TTC's Terms and Conditions.
6. **Conflicts of interest.** The contractor must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest.
7. **Records retention.** The contractor must retain all records related to the contract and provide access to TTC, EDA, and federal auditors as required by 2 CFR part 200.
8. **Contract form.** The selected contractor will be required to execute TTC's Purchase Order Terms and Conditions.
9. **Costs of proposing.** TTC is not liable for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting a proposal.
10. **Proposal validity.** Proposals must remain valid for 90 days from the due date.

8. SCHEDULE

All dates are approximate and may be adjusted by TTC. The schedule is compressed to allow contractor work to begin promptly given the grant timeline.

Activity	Date
RFP issued	June 26, 2026
Amendment No. 1 issued	August 26, 2026 (extends response period)
Deadline for questions	September 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. AK Time (as amended)
Proposals due	September 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. AK Time (as amended)
Evaluation / interviews	September 28 - October 7, 2026
Notice of intent to award	October 9, 2026
Contract execution / notice to proceed	October 16, 2026
Project completion	Final deliverables due no later than March 31, 2027 (in advance of the EDA period of performance ending September 30, 2027)

9. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit one electronic copy of the proposal by email to **Amanda Huettl** at **AHUETTL@TATITLEK.COM** no later than the deadline in Section 8. The subject line should reference **"RFP No. 26-01 – Infrastructure Improvement Opportunity Study."** It is the proposer's responsibility to confirm receipt. TTC is not responsible for late, unreadable, or incomplete submissions.