

Draft Background and Scope of Work for RFP – 7/14/16

4.01 Background Information

Senate Bill 21 or the More Alaska Production Act (MAPA) was passed by the Alaska Legislature on April 14th, 2013. Section 31 of MAPA created the Oil and Gas Competitiveness Review Board under AS 43.98.040. The board's duties were established under AS 43.98.050. Those duties included consolidating salient information regarding Alaska's competitiveness in contrast to other jurisdictions that have oil and gas resources on four main topics, and making that information readily available to the public. Those topics were the state's permitting and regulatory system, the state's labor pool and efforts by the state to develop its workforce, the status of the state's oil and gas related infrastructure and any deficiencies, and the state's fiscal oil and tax regime.

The Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board was to make its first written finding in January 2015 on the following four areas. A report was submitted, but did not adequately address actual recommendations, but was a summary of the current system.

- 1) Changes to the state's regulatory environment and permitting structure that would be conducive to encouraging increased investment while protecting the interests of the people of the state and the environment.
- 2) Status of the oil and gas labor pool in the state and the effectiveness of workforce development efforts by the state.
- 3) Status of the oil and gas related infrastructure of the state, including a description of infrastructure deficiencies.
- 4) Competitiveness of the state's fiscal oil and gas tax regime when compared to other regions of the world.

The documents for the Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board can be found on the following website: <http://dor.alaska.gov/OilGasCompetitivenessReviewBoard.aspx>

According to statute, the next report is due January 2017, which is to be a report solely focused on the environment and permitting structure, workforce development, infrastructure and competitiveness of the state's fiscal oil and gas tax regime for areas of the state south of 68 degrees (i.e. "Middle Earth" and Cook Inlet). The report should contain any recommended changes for the Legislature's consideration.

5.01 Scope of Work

In order to complete this and maintain a salient collection of information relevant to the assessment of Alaska's competitiveness, the Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board is obtaining information from a variety of sources and stakeholders, including the following: various state agencies such as the Department of Labor & Workforce Development, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources, previously conducted studies, other workforce development interests, etc. The Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board recognizes that obtaining a complete collection of information requires cooperation and significant input from oil and gas companies.

To obtain accurate data from relevant companies, the Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board solicits proposals for a third party contractor to conduct a confidential survey of oil and gas companies working south of 68 degrees North to obtain pertinent data regarding the four aforementioned areas. Information of particular interest is on how changing state incentives affect investment decisions. The confidential survey will allow companies anonymity as well as the ability to share proprietary information and insight

into respective investment strategies. Comparable surveys are routinely conducted across the industry, both domestically and internationally. This survey would be tailored specifically for the needs of Alaska's Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board.

In order to construct an effective and appropriate survey, the contractor will coordinate and consult with the Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board and approved Department of Revenue staff. Although the Oil & Gas Competitiveness Review Board will be privy to the survey and the results, it will not have access to individual company responses, which will remain confidential.

5.02 Deliverables

1. The contractor shall provide a written report with the results of its survey. This report should, without compromising the confidentiality of respondents, be able to demonstrate the extensiveness and depth of the product.

2. The contractor shall assist, when requested by the State, in presentations or provide requested information when necessary. Plan on x – 2 day trips to Juneau and x – 2 day trips to Anchorage in your cost proposal as well as a per hour cost for presentation preparation.