



Partnering Agreement

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This agreement was put together by the DOT staff and HDR following the Partnering Workshop, based on discussion by all the partnering participants on June 25 and 26, 2009. This agreement was approved by the EOC at the June 29, 2009 EOC meeting.

We recognize that successful completion of the H2H EIS requires a high level of teamwork among the state, federal, and municipal partners and with the consultant team. The opening of the project office provides an opportunity to raise the bar on this collaborative effort. This event serves as a milestone to renew our commitment to this transportation project that will give shape to Anchorage for the next fifty years and be a backbone for the transportation system that serves Anchorage.

We, at senior, operational, and individual levels commit to conduct this project as a cohesive working team in a way that results in a successful EIS and demonstrates that this project is a priority for our organizations. We believe that through teamwork and good communication, we can accomplish timely and cost-effective development, review, and completion of work products.

We will use a collaboratively-developed, achievable schedule as a tool to manage the project so we can attain the goal of completing the NEPA document in three years (by July 11, 2011). The schedule will serve as a means to look ahead, apply resources efficiently, and ensure task completion.

We will implement the contracting mechanism to maintain a consistent workflow that matches the iterative and evolving nature of the NEPA process.

We commit to clear communication resulting in meeting of the minds on expectations. We will employ a robust QA/QC process that begins with an agreement on what we are trying to achieve and ends with the on time delivery of quality material that requires few comments.

We will establish milestone decision points, reach consensus at those critical junctures, move forward as a team, and honor decisions already made. We commit to proactive problem-solving.

We will empower staff to make decisions at the lowest appropriate level. We will elevate issues, if needed, in a timely way to keep the project moving forward.

We commit to periodic reaffirmation of partnering to ensure seamless commitment to the project.

We will celebrate successes.