

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 28, 2026

NUMBER: 26-151

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve Contract
for Construction
HVAC Controls
Upgrades, 8 Sites

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is Board approval for the contract for construction of Phase I HVAC Controls Upgrades, 8 Sites in an amount Not to Exceed \$6,000,000.00.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Convergent is the Alaskan Distributor for Alerton Controls systems. Alerton is the controls system currently installed in Kivalina and Buckland. The district is standardizing around this system to streamline management, maintenance and operations. District personnel can receive factory training on the system. A DEED grant to replace the controls systems in eight schools was awarded in 2024. Selawik is also being replaced with an Alerton System under a separate project. A Borough VIF grant was awarded in 2025, providing the District's match and completing all funding needs. Phase I construction is ready to begin in Summer '26 and will include Ambler, Kiana, Noatak, Noorvik, and Kobuk. Phase II and Shungnak work will occur in 2027. District is utilizing Convergent's Sourcewell Contract, which was awarded through a nationwide competitive bid process. It is essentially a per unit contract. The Sourcewell contract allows other governmental entities to use the contract without a separate procurement. District is a member of Sourcewell and this is an acceptable contract to DEED and District legal counsel.

FUNDING SOURCE:

State of Alaska DEED Grant and Northwest Arctic Borough Village Improvement Funds (VIF)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Phase I Contract for Construction HVAC Controls Upgrades, 8 Sites to Convergent in an amount Not to Exceed \$6,000,000.00 as presented;
2. Do not Approve Phase I Contract for Construction HVAC Controls Upgrades, 8 Sites to Convergent in an amount Not to Exceed \$6,000,000.00 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

4. The administration recommends the Board Approve Phase I Contract for Construction HVAC Controls Upgrades, 8 Sites to Convergent in an amount Not to Exceed \$6,000,000.00 as presented;

ATTACHMENT:
None