

# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

## Local 1547

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Denise Koch, Director  
Engineering & Public Works  
City & Borough of Juneau  
155 Heritage Way  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Director Koch,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1547 strongly supports the City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) in its efforts to secure federal funding to electrify the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) with a new electric boiler under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. IBEW is committed to collaborating with CBJ to support high-quality, good paying jobs for our membership as part of this project.

Local 1547 represents more than 4,000 workers in many diverse construction classifications including power linemen, inside wiremen, power plant workers and technicians, mechanics, warehouse workers, line clearance tree trimmers and heavy equipment operators. Our jurisdiction covers 586,000 square miles with Unit 103 supporting the Juneau area with a local office. Local 1547 offers robust training and apprenticeship programs, partnering with educational and professional associations to meet the dynamic needs of the energy and construction industries with a diverse and highly skilled workforce, and is pleased to partner with CBJ to help bring these skills to this important community project. In addition to receiving Davis-Bacon wages, our members receive family-sustaining benefits and retirement contributions.

Local 1547 members have worked on many successful CBJ projects that benefit our city. As an example of CBJ's commitment to supporting union labor, CBJ crafted and approved an ordinance that addresses use of union labor on complex projects that have a construction estimate of \$4.6 million or greater. This Project Labor Agreement ordinance was developed and implemented to foster and support the growth and retention of skilled trade workers in the Juneau community. CBJ also follows all State of Alaska requirements for wage rate compliance and includes Alaska Department of Labor wage rate compliance regulations in all contracts over \$25,000.

As the single highest GHG emitting CBJ facility, upgrading the MWWTP's electrical infrastructure, conducting a facility energy audit, and installing an electric boiler to replace the current fuel boilers, will create significant GHG reductions for the community and lay the groundwork for future electrification projects at the facility and beyond. Utilizing IBEW Local 1547 members throughout the life of this and related projects will help CBJ meet its GHG reduction goals.

If awarded, we look forward to coordinating with CBJ and their competitive procurement standards to employ the local skills and expertise of our growing workforce throughout the life of this project.

Sincerely,



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