

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY16-07**

A RESOLUTION TO NON-COMPETITIVELY AWARD CONTRACT TO UPDATE BROADBAND PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska awarded a \$235,000 community broadband grant to the City of Gustavus in 2011 and the Gustavus City Council accepted a final plan in October, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus has tried for three years and failed to obtain funding for construction of the \$2.4 million last-mile wired network proposed in the Gustavus Broadband Plan; and

WHEREAS, much has changed since the Gustavus Broadband Plan was adopted, including StarBand going out of business, a decision to dissolve the Gustavus Community Network, and Fibre Alaska's construction of a last-mile network in Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, most of Gustavus still lacks access to broadband Internet access, and universal broadband access remains a top priority of the community, but it is now unclear how the City can advance this priority; and

WHEREAS, a balance of \$27,912 remains in the FY12 broadband planning CIP grant, and the City has no current plans for these funds, which expire June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Gustavus Municipal Code Section 4.17.050(d) provides for the non-competitive procurement of consultant, technical, real estate, architect, engineer or audit services; and


WHEREAS, Byte Networking, LLC is uniquely qualified to update the Gustavus Broadband Plan because it is the only entity actually doing anything to further broadband in Gustavus and knows what they have already built here, what challenges the community faces, and how to move ahead with limited resources, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council authorizes the Mayor to award a contract to Byte Networking, LLC in the amount of \$24,162 for the purpose of updating the Gustavus Broadband Plan to answer what it will take now to deliver Internet service to everyone throughout Gustavus; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor may authorize \$3,750 to GCN System Manager Corvid Computing for project management for the plan update as an *additional service* under its current system management contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds expended under this resolution shall be disbursed by June 30, 2016 and reimbursed by the State of Alaska.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 11th day of April, 2016, and effective upon adoption.



Mike Taylor, Mayor



Attest: Lori Ewing, City Clerk/Treasurer