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U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ALASKA SCIENCE CENTER

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Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4626

September 23, 2021

Honorable Sharon Scheidt, Mayor
City of Valdez
212 Chenega Ave.
P.O. Box 307
Valdez, AK 99686

Dear Mayor Scheidt:

Thank you for your continued interest in the collection of streamflow information for flood warning and flood forecasting on the Lowe River and Valdez Glacier Stream. We have enclosed a Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) to continue the operation of streamgaging stations Lowe River in Keystone Canyon (USGS Station 15226220) and Valdez Glacier Stream (USGS Station 15227090).

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) cooperative matching funds allow us to fund a portion of the cost of hydrologic work of mutual interest. Federal cooperative monies are subject to the availability of appropriations on a year to year basis. This Joint Funding Agreement can be modified by a letter of amendment or terminated upon 60 days written notice to either party.

Annual costs to the City of Valdez and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are summarized below:

	Valdez	USGS	TOTAL
October 1 2021-September 30 2022	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$68,000
October 1 2022-September 30 2023	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$68,000
October 1 2023-September 30 2024	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$68,000
October 1 2024-September 30 2025	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$68,000
October 1 2025-September 30 2026	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$68,000

As part of the operation of the gages, the USGS will:

- Operate and maintain the streamgages.
- Maintain datum at the site.
- Record stage data every 15 minutes.

- Make discharge measurements during visits to maintain the stage-discharge rating curve and to define the winter hydrograph.
- Post near real-time stage and discharge data in the USGS online *USGS Water Data for the Nation* from <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/>.
- Store the data in the USGS databases.
- Publish these data to the USGS online to *USGS Water Data for the Nation* from <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/>.

The City of Valdez will be billed quarterly, beginning December, 2021. The USGS DUNS number is 137825845. Work performed with funds from this agreement will be conducted on a fixed-cost basis. The USGS will retain all equipment purchased with funds from this agreement. It is understood that data obtained during the course of this work will be available to the USGS for publication and use in connection with related work. This agreement operates under the authority of statute 43 USC 50, which allows us to perform this work.

If you have any questions, please call Jeff Conaway at 907 786-7041. Please contact Starlyn Lenore at (907) 786-7117 with any billing concerns. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. We appreciate your support of this valuable water resources program.

Sincerely,

Christian E. Zimmerman
Director, Alaska Science Center

cc: Chad Smith (USGS-ASC)
Jeff Conaway (USGS-ASC)