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New NEPA Specialist Joins R&M's Fairbanks Office

R&M CONSULTANTS, INC. (R&M) has expanded our service offerings in our Fairbanks office to include environmental services with the addition of **Erica Betts, CESCL** to our team.

Erica joins R&M as an Environmental Specialist focused on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance in our Earth Sciences Department. She will supplement the firm's Anchorage-based environmental staff and be responsible for environmental compliance tasks, including NEPA impact analysis, regulatory permitting, environmental baseline monitoring, Phase I/II ESAs, storm water management, and other related office and field-based environmental services.

Erica has six years of experience as an environmental specialist in Alaska, as well as an additional six years of environmental research and field experience. She has provided agency coordination, environmental documentation preparation and permit acquisition for transportation and utility projects, as well as managed numerous environmental projects. In addition, she has more than 15 years of GIS Experience Erica's diverse educational and professional background has made her particularly skilled at facilitating engineering design projects through the regulatory process. Her past project experience includes the Moose Creek Water Expansion, where she led agency coordination, permitting and environmental documentation as needed to satisfy CERCLA requirements for an interim remedial strategy to mitigate PFAS contamination. Erica also provided environmental services for the Barrow Maintenance Facility and Airport Improvements; Seward Airport Improvements; Interior Gas Utility Phase I Design and Liquefied Natural Gas Storage projects; and Nome Bering Street Rehabilitation, Port Road Reconstruction and Seppala Drive upgrades.

Since joining R&M, Erica has been providing Section 106 consultation for the Chefornek and Kipnuk Airports Rehabilitation projects and delineating watersheds in Moose Pass for the Seward Highway MP 25.5-36 Rehabilitation.

Erica holds a B.S. in Biology with a specialization in Ecology, Evolution and Population Biology from Purdue University, and a Masters in City and Regional Planning and M.S. in Civil Engineering, both from the Georgia Institute of Technology. She is an Alaska Certified Erosion & Sediment Control Lead and is trained in Wetland Delineation and RCRA Hazardous Waste Management.

Founded in Alaska in 1969, R&M offers civil, structural, geotechnical and waterfront engineering; surveying and mapping; GIS services; geology; hydrology; environmental services; transportation and land use planning; public involvement; right of way and lands consulting services; construction administration; materials testing; and special inspection. R&M has offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

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