AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: DOLA Grant Extension Request

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Please see the attached correspondence.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Submitted by: Katherine Haase **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 1/18/2019

◉ Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 1/22/2019

Revised April 2015

January 22, 2019

Kimberly Bullen, NW Regional Manager
Colorado Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government Field Services
222 S. 6th Street, Room 409
Grand Junction, CO 81501

RE: EIAF #8682 – Coal Mine Methane Facilitation

Dear Kimberly,

Gunnison County would appreciate DOLA's consideration of an extension to 12/31/2019 for the above referenced grant.

Steady progress has been made toward the project's scope. Conversations have been productive and are ongoing, and much has been learned about mechanisms for methane mitigation and utilization. We are now pursuing project-specific proposals. We are also undertaking a methane reservoir characterization study, which will be integral to the evaluation of the project-specific proposals.

We are working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to clarify leasing mechanisms for Coal Mine Methane, and we have made a specific proposal, but we have yet to receive a response because our Federal partners are affected by the government shutdown. We have no indication of when the shutdown will end or how long it will take for our partners to catch up with their work and reengage in this conversation after the shutdown ends.

In light of these circumstances and the fact that the County and BLM are at the mercy the Federal shutdown, Gunnison County will be unable to complete the grant's scope of work by the current March 31, 2019 deadline. We will continue to be in regular contact with you, and we will alert you to any unforeseen developments.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Houck
Chairperson