



Stantec to partner on Arctic Research Support contract

10-year project to support studies in one of Earth's most remote and challenging environments

EDMONTON, Alberta and NEW YORK and ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Sept. 10, 2020 -- Global design firm Stantec will support [Battelle](#) on a 10-year, US\$260-million Arctic Research Support and Logistics Services (ARSLS) contract from the US Government's [National Science Foundation](#) (NSF). The team will provide infrastructure and logistics support to academic researchers conducting NSF-funded studies in Alaska, northern Canada, Greenland, and other Arctic areas. Specifically, Stantec will provide engineering, design, and planning services in support of new facilities as well as maintenance of existing facilities to enable research within some of the most remote locations, harsh weather conditions, and difficult terrain on Earth.

The overall project scope will include the design of infrastructure and facilities in these remote locations. Plans include research facilities, laboratories, and operations centers that will facilitate efficient, effective, and safe research in the Arctic—a region critically important to the global research community. Stantec design features will enable sustainable and resilient facilities operation, including efficient startup and shutdown, reconfiguration and reuse over long lifespans, and remote monitoring/automation.

Supporting a rare and sensitive environment

Stantec's work will enable researchers to enhance ongoing studies in the Arctic, helping to advance understanding of the region's rapidly changing natural environment and social and cultural systems. The Arctic region is among the world's most sensitive to environmental change—with exceptionally long natural climate records and thousands of years of human settlement—and is a natural laboratory for studying natural, physical, and social sciences.

The ARSLS program focuses on supporting responsible and ethical research while encouraging and respecting all individuals, cultures, and the environment. The research program requires long-term, sustained relations with the local and Indigenous communities across the Arctic. The team will focus on coordination and collaboration with Indigenous cultures and include local community resources.

Stantec's continued partnership with Indigenous communities

In Alaska, Stantec successfully works with Indigenous groups through formal business partnerships that are focused on Alaska Native employment efforts on major projects and built through connections to Indigenous Peoples in its technical work. The global firm is working toward earning the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) certification from the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. PAR provides a framework for organizations to develop an Indigenous Relations approach that is effective, sustainable, and successful.

"We're thrilled to work with the Battelle team to support the National Science Foundation on this important and innovative program," said Chris Brown, Stantec vice president and project manager based in Anchorage. "We have a long history of supporting Indigenous communities and extensive experience designing facilities across the Arctic. Our team understands the variables that must be considered to deliver critical infrastructure in the world's most challenging locations, and we look forward to building on that history to help facilitate essential Arctic research."

For more than 60 years, NSF has sponsored research in the Arctic to better understand the region's influence on weather and climate and other disciplinary questions in the natural and social sciences, as well as how the Arctic functions as a system. Understanding the changes occurring in the Arctic, the downstream effects of those changes on the rest of the planet, and the planet's influence on the Arctic all represent complex questions for researchers. Answering these questions requires measurements taken over many years across vast areas that are often difficult to access.

Stantec is also collaborating with NSF on the [Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science \(AIMS\) project](#) alongside Parsons, a subcontractor to the Leidos Antarctic Support Contract.

About Stantec

Communities are fundamental. Whether around the corner or across the globe, they provide a foundation, a sense of place and of belonging. That's why at Stantec, we always **design with community in mind**.

We care about the communities we serve—because they're our communities too. This allows us to assess what's needed and connect our expertise, to appreciate nuances and envision what's never been considered, to bring together diverse perspectives so we can collaborate toward a shared success.

We're designers, engineers, scientists, and project managers, innovating together at the intersection of community, creativity, and client relationships. Balancing these priorities results in projects that advance the quality of life in communities across the globe.

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