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RE: March 2010 Amendment to the State of Alaska Coastal Impact Assistance Program

Dear Ms. Benner and Mr. Gissel:

Thank you for your March 11, 2010 comments on the 2009 Amendment to the Alaska Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Plan submitted to you on November 9, 2009. I have addressed each of your general plan amendment comments and, in order to not further delay the approvable projects, I have removed the eleven "questioned" projects from the plan. The state may revise these projects at a later date for submittal in a future plan amendment.

With this letter I am submitting the March 2010 Amendment to the Alaska CIAP Plan for your review and approval.

As required in the October 2008 CIAP State Plan Guidelines, I am submitting to each of you an unbound hard copy of the plan amendment and a digital copy on compact disk (CD). The Alaska CIAP Plan and Appendix B (Project Descriptions) are provided in Microsoft Word, as required; Appendix A (project lists) is provided in Microsoft Excel. The hard copy is in tracked changes in order to assist you with your review. The CD includes both a tracked changes version and a clean version of the plan and appendices. A list of revisions from the 2009 Amendment is also provided as an attachment to this letter. As no projects were added and no significant changes were made to retained projects, no additional public participation is needed and the Governor's certification of

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public participation prepared for the November 2009 plan is still applicable and is included within the plan.

It is important to know that DCOM intends to submit a fall 2010 Amendment to the Alaska CIAP Plan to include additional projects. My February 25, 2010 letter to MMS questioning certain plan review and submission issues, including the anticipated fall 2010 submission and the amendment timeline associated with that submission, remains unanswered. In the absence of MMS's response to that letter, I must stress the importance of and again declare that it is imperative that the State be allowed to submit that fall 2010 Amendment as scheduled. If it is MMS's position that the fall 2010 submission will be prohibited, please advise me immediately.

If I can provide you with any additional information to expedite your review and approval of this March 2010 Amendment to the Alaska CIAP Plan, please contact either myself at 907-465-8797 or Sylvia Kreeel at 907-465-3177. I look forward to continuing to work with you on CIAP and the completion of the CIAP funded projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Bates", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Randy Bates
Director

Enclosures

ALASKA COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

March 2010 Amendment

List of Revisions

The March 2010 Amendment incorporates the following changes to the 2009 Amendment to the Alaska CIAP Plan, which DCOM submitted to MMS on November 9, 2009.

1. Projects removed: The following projects have been reviewed from this amendment. They may be resubmitted with the scheduled fall 2010 Amendment:
 - State of Alaska, Tier 1, Projects 18, 21, 27, and 30
 - State of Alaska, Tier 2, Projects 14 and 22
 - North Slope Borough, Tier 1, Projects 9 and 10
 - North Slope Borough, Tier 2, Project 1
 - Northwest Arctic Borough, Tier 1, Projects 9b and 9c

2. Reduced allocation: On November 13, 2009 MMS informed the state that its allocation for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 would be reduced by 1%. This change is reflected in the March 2010 Amendment to the Alaska CIAP Plan. The following projects were amended to address the reduction.
 - State of Alaska, Tier 1, Project 8
 - Municipality of Anchorage, Tier 1, Project 4
 - Bristol Bay Borough, Tier 1, Project 1
 - Kenai Peninsula Borough, Tier 1, Projects 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13
 - Kodiak Island Borough, Tier 1, Project 1
 - Lake and Peninsula Borough, Tier 1, Project 2
 - Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Tier 1, Project 2
 - North Slope Borough, Tier 1, Project 4
 - Northwest Arctic Borough, Tier 1, Project 6

3. Coordination with other federal resources and programs: A new section has been added to the March 2010 Amendment addressing this issue.

4. Contact information: Contact information for the following projects and CPSs was amended.
 - State of Alaska, Tier 2, Projects 13, 16, 18, and 23
 - Bristol Bay Borough, Tier 1, Project 1
 - Bristol Bay Borough, designated contact

5. Funding years: The funding year for the following project was amended in order to comply with the 23% annual limitation on authorized use #3. Total project cost was not changed.
 - Northwest Arctic Borough: Tier 1, Project 4