

**Statewide Remodeling Projects - Kotzebue Design**

**FY2003 Request: \$225,000**

**Reference No: 35901**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling

**Category:** Law and Justice

**Location:** Kotzebue

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2000

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Renovation projects to increase staff efficiency, improve access for the public and increase efficiency of conducting court business, particularly accommodation for improved technology

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gen Fund	\$225,000	\$1,110,000	\$500,000	\$495,000			\$2,330,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$225,000	\$1,110,000	\$500,000	\$495,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,330,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

This request includes numerous small remodeling projects at many courts around the state. In general they fall into three categories: 1) remodeling the judicial bench and in-court stations in the courtrooms to accommodate the technology that improves timeliness and accuracy of court proceedings, 2) installing lighting to improve the safety of employees and public accessing our facilities, and 3) working on customer service counters to improve access.

The court system is installing computers, digital recording systems and other equipment to improve efficiency of proceedings in the courtroom and to improve the quality of the recorded transcripts. Many courtrooms constructed prior to 1985 do not provide adequate space in the in-court station to accommodate the equipment being installed. Also, the judge's bench often is not designed to provide good ergonomics for a person seated in a restricted area and using computers the majority of the working day.

In addition, the Kotzebue courthouse, constructed in 1972, needs major remodeling (new heating, ventilation, electrical wiring, and replacement of finishes) and approximately 1500 square feet of expansion to provide adequate superior courtroom, jury assembly and judicial offices. The trial courts in Anchorage need a multi-litigant courtroom to handle civil cases and a Grand Jury Hearing Room in the Boney Courthouse.

The parking garage in Anchorage does not have adequate lighting to ensure safety during hours of

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darkness. This request includes funds to install additional lighting. There are also buildings that do not have adequate exterior lighting to ensure safety for court system staff.

Projects included in this request:

Improve lighting in Anchorage parking garage	100,000
Reconstruct In-court clerk's station in the following court locations: 250,000	
First district: 13 stations in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell	
Second district: 4 stations in Nome and Kotzebue	
Third District: 18 stations in Dillingham, Palmer, Kenai, Homer, Seward, Glennallen, Anchorage, Valdez	
Fourth District: 3 stations in Tok, Delta and Galena	
Remodel and Upgrade Kotzebue Courthouse	1,335,000
Construct multi-litigant courtroom and Grand Jury hearing room in Anchorage	500,000
Improvements for Judge's bench in 9 locations	45,000
Improve Customer Service Counters in 6 locations	60,000
New public seating in several courtrooms: Boney Courthouse, Dillingham, Homer	40,000
Project Total including cost of bid document production and project management:	2,330,000