

Small Business Development Center**FY2005 Request: \$450,000****Reference No: AMD 38959****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** University**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**Contact:** Pat Pitney**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32) **Contact Phone:** (907)474-5889**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Alaska Small Business Development Center (ASBDC) is a statewide business assistance program. The services it offers to small businesses are not duplicated or provided by any other agency or organization. The primary emphasis of the program is in-depth, quality business counseling. Through professional counseling, small businesses are assisted in solving problems concerning operations, manufacturing, engineering technology exchange, accounting, business strategy development and other productivity and management improvement. The individual business counseling is supplemented with quality business training designed to improve the skills and knowledge of existing and prospective small business owners/managers.

Funding:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Gen Fund	\$450,000	\$572,000	\$595,000	\$619,000	\$644,000	\$670,000	\$3,550,000
Total:	\$450,000	\$572,000	\$595,000	\$619,000	\$644,000	\$670,000	\$3,550,000

<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 checked="" 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This project has historically been funded annually in the capital budget. FY04 funding was \$450,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The Alaska Small Business Development Center is a cooperative program of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the University of Alaska. The objectives of the SBDC programs are to combine federal dollars and resources with those of the state, academic community and private sector to strengthen small businesses; to contribute to the economic growth of the state; and to create a broader based delivery system to the small business community. The primary emphasis of the SBDC program is on in-depth, quality business counseling and training. Small businesses are assisted in the areas of management, marketing, sales, finance, accounting and other disciplines required for small business growth, expansion and innovation. The SBDC has six regional centers located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Wasilla (serving the Matanuska-Susitna Borough area) and Kenai (serving the Kenai Peninsula area), in addition to a rural outreach program.

Other business assistance programs administered include the Procurement Technical Assistance Center which provides assistance with government contracting; the BUY ALASKA program which provides free in-state sourcing for buyers and sales referrals to suppliers; the Alaska Technology Transfer Center which provides the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) proposal assistance and technical data base searches to businesses; a virtual enterprise manufacturing

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program which assists small to medium manufacturers in Alaska to produce parts and supplies under Department of Defense contracts.

All of SBDC's business assistance programs encourage the involvement of University faculty and provide internship opportunities for University of Alaska students.