

Bethel Readiness Center New Construction - Phase 2**FY2006 Request: \$10,562,500****Reference No: 34848****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Bethel**Contact:** John Cramer**House District:** Bethel (HD 38)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4602**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Bethel National Guard Readiness Center is currently in the design phase to replace the existing undersized and outdated facility. Construction of a new facility is necessary to meet the minimum requirements established by National Guard Bureau (NGB). NGB requires 25% matching funds for construction and 100% state funding for building site work. This project is being funded using three budget cycles. This request is for the second budget cycle funding. An additional \$687,500 general fund match will be required to complete the construction and will be requested in FY2007.

Funding:	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
ASLC Bonds	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Fed Rcpts	\$8,062,500						\$8,062,500
G/F Match		\$687,500					\$687,500
Total:	\$10,562,500	\$687,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,250,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
25% = 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:	252,600	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	252,600	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2002 - \$750,000 GF for Bethel Readiness Center Architectural and Engineering Cost
 FY2005 - \$11,250,000 Bethel Readiness Center Construction - Phase 1 \$3,050,000 AHFC Bonds;
 \$137,500 Unrestricted Federal Revenue; and \$8,062,500 Federal

Project Description/Justification:

The existing Readiness Center (RC) is 14,083 square feet and was constructed in 1962. It has exceeded its design life of 25 years and is dramatically undersized for a Battalion Headquarters. Currently, the existing RC is authorized for a new 39,359 square foot Readiness Center. Prior state and federal funding for planning and design has resulted in the architectural and engineering design contract being awarded.

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The requirement for this facility is contained within AS.26.05.230. "Armories, training sites, and maintenance facilities. (a) Buildings and sites for readiness center purposes may be leased or constructed, based upon location and size of units to be organized, and shall be financed through state and federal appropriations or both. These facilities may be made available by local communities or by the cooperative arrangement between the state and the federal government and any local community. (b) The armory of each battalion, company, or other unit is subject to the order of the adjutant general and under the charge of its armory board which shall keep in the armory all property furnished by the state."

This project supports two National Guard Military Headquarters' performance management measures. C2: Get three construction projects on the NGB Future Year's Defense Program (FYDP) for congressional budget cycle funding; and, End Result D: Recruitment and retention of a culturally diverse workforce.

Specific Spending Detail:

The complete construction cost of the facility is estimated at \$22,500,000 based on preliminary architectural and engineering design plans. Construction funding categories are estimated at \$6,375,000 state and \$16,125,000 federal. The FY2005 appropriation was for the first half of the NGB funding requirement which was \$8,062,500 federal and \$3,187,500 state for a total of \$11,250,000. This funding request is for the second budget cycle funding of \$2,500,000 state match and \$8,062,500 federal. The third budget cycle request scheduled for FY2007 will be for the remaining state match requirement of \$687,500. By fragmenting the construction into phases due to the multiple budget cycles, construction costs may increase above the original \$22,500,000 construction estimate.

Of the estimated \$22,500,000 that will be spent in the local Bethel economy, approximately \$10,000,000 will be for labor and trades associated with construction. Upon completion of the new facility, the existing Readiness Center will be transferred to the City of Bethel. It will be used by both the school district and as a local community center.

Project Support:

Education, local community, military

Does this project leverage other funding for the state?

The National Guard Bureau will be providing \$16,125,000 for the construction of this new facility.

Possible joint construction and occupancy of a new facility with local/regional Native Corporations and Health agency participation was considered. However, no participation is expected at this time.

Annual Operating and Maintenance Costs:

Current estimates for operations and maintenance (O&M) costs will be approximately \$252,600 more than the existing cost of \$140,000. O&M costs will be state funded. The new facility is based on a preliminary design in accordance with National Guard Bureau criteria, which is 2.8 times larger than the existing facility. Consequently, O&M costs will rise accordingly.