

**Agency: University of Alaska**

**Project Title:**

# UAF Office of Grants and Contracts Administration - Conference of Parliamentarians of Arctic Region Biennial Conference in Alaska

**State Funding Requested: \$ 75,000**  
One-Time Need

**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

**Brief Project Description:**

State's contribution to costs associated with hosting the 8th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region in Fairbanks. This is an international organization of Arctic nations and this will be the first time the U.S. has hosted the biennial conference.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$125,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Denali Commission					\$25,000	2008
Other					\$50,000	2008
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$75,000</b>	

*Explanation of Other Funds:*  
A wide variety of groups, from the Denali Commission to the Institute of the North, and the University of Alaska and the US State Department have been contacted and solicited to make contributions to the conference.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The United States will be hosting the Eighth Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians in Fairbanks, Alaska on August 12-14, 2008. The Conference will be organized in cooperation with the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region. This is a biennial conference and has never been hosted by the United States.

The Conference will include representatives from the national parliaments of all the eight Arctic Council member states (Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the U.S.A.), the European Parliament, indigenous peoples' organizations, parliaments of observer states, as well as other governments and inter-parliamentary organizations. Representatives from China, Japan, and Korea may also be in attendance. The Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region includes one to two members of each nation's national legislature. Sen. Lisa Murkowski represents the United States on the Standing committee and will be hosting the conference this year to be held August 11-14, 2008 in Fairbanks.

The Conference will address the following major themes:

- Maritime Shipping Potential via the Arctic
- Human health in the Arctic (solutions to problems)

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- Adaptation to climate change (What's working, what's not)
- Development of rural energy resources

Conference costs are expected to be in approximately \$125,000. Sen. Murkowski's office has asked the state to contribute a minimum of \$75,000 to the effort. The University of Alaska Fairbanks has agreed to be the host entity in terms of providing facilities for the meetings. They will be the recipient of this grant. Conference organizers are looking to have the Institute of the North take over much of the conference planning activities. in terms of contracting with buses for transportation, names tags, meal arrangements, etc.

Conference attendance is expected to be between 150-200 people, the average size of attendance in past years.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

UAF Grants & Contracts Administration. There are no ongoing costs associated with this request

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

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### Prior Announcement

## EIGHT CONFERENCE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

**Fairbanks, Alaska, August 12-14, 2008**

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The Conference will address the following major themes:

- Human health in the Arctic
- Adaptation to climate change
- Development of rural energy resources

A Conference Statement will be adopted and sent to the governments of the participating countries as well as to the Arctic Council and other international, intergovernmental, and interparliamentary organizations.

Participation in the Conference is by invitation only. Formal invitations will be sent out by United States Senator Lisa Murkowski in the beginning of 2008. Since August is a

popular tourist season, Senator Murkowski's office has pre-booked hotel rooms at the Marriot Spring Hill Suites in Fairbanks. Contact Sally Rey in Senator Murkowski's Washington, DC office to inquire.

Once again, I look forward to seeing you in Fairbanks, Alaska

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator

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**2008 Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians  
Fairbanks, Alaska**

**Draft program**

**Monday 11 August (Day Zero)**

Arrival SCPAR Members and Conference Participants all Day

1300 – 1400 SCPAR Members lunch  
Venue: In the City – Gamber Dellas – Italian restaurant?)

1600 – 1800 Registration  
Venue:

1630– 1745 SCPAR Members meeting to go over the Conference Schedule and draft  
Conference Statement  
Venue: The room with a view

1800 Reception at the Museum  
Visit the Botanical Garden

**Tuesday 12 August**

Arrival of Participants all Morning

Visit the Permafrost Tunnel and Pipeline  
(Registration opens from 10?)

1115 – 1215 Lunch Reception at the University

1230 – 1330 Opening of the Conference & Welcome Speeches  
US member of SCPAR, Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Governor of Alaska, Ms. Sarah Palin  
President of Inuit Circumpolar Council, Ms. Patricia Cochran  
Representative from the University of Fairbanks

1330 – 1430 Special reports on Arctic Marine  
The work on an Arctic Shipping Code within the International Maritime  
Organization (IMO)  
Update on the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment, by Dr. Lawson Brigham

1430 – 1500 Coffee break

1500 – 1700 Human health in the Arctic region

- Living conditions in Alaska. Speaker from Alaska – University of Fairbanks
- IPY and human health - presentation IPY results (impacts of pollution, contaminants and parasites in traditional foods, existing and emerging infectious diseases, chronic diseases, and unhealthy behaviors).

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Fairbanks, Alaska**

1700 Conference Statement Drafting Committee

1800 – 2100 Evening Welcome Dinner for all Participants on Riverboat Discovery

**Wednesday 13 August**

0800 – 0900 Conference Statement Drafting Committee

0900 – 1000 Progress Reports from the Arctic Council and Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region

- The Norwegian Chairmanship of the Arctic Council by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre
- Representative of the US State Department, Ms. Paula Dobriansky
- Chair of the SCPAR, Ms. Hill-Marta Solberg

1000 – 1300 Adaptation to climate change

- How's Alaska adapting to climate change– experiences in Alaska  
Mead Treadwell – US Arctic Research Commission and possibly someone from the State of Alaska Task Force on this issue
- Municipal planning to meet the challenges of climate change – Canadian Speaker?
- Infrastructure in a thawing Arctic – Russian Speaker?

1100 – 1130 Coffee break

1300 – 1400 Lunch  
Venue: UAF

1400 – 2000 Field Trip to Hot Chena Springs and Dinner

**Thursday 14 August**

0800 – 0900 Conference Statement Drafting Committee

0900 – 1230 Energy resources in the Arctic - Development of Rural Energy Resources

- DENALI commission on Alaska experiences General George Cannellos – head of Denali Commission
- The possibilities of geothermal energy  
Dr. Thorkell Helgason, former director general for the National Energy Authority in Iceland
- Speaker from the “Arctic Energy Action Team”, IPY project – Institute of the North, sanctioned by Arctic Council – James Hemsath

1030 – 1100 Coffee break

**2008 Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians  
Fairbanks, Alaska**

1230 – 1300 Adoption of Conference Statement

1300 Lunch  
Venue: UAF

1300 – 1400 SCPAR Meeting

1400 – TBD Optional Afternoon Excursion  
Permafrost Tunnel and Pipeline

Afternoon Departure