



# Kodiak Island Borough

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September 23, 2008

The Honorable Sarah Palin  
Governor, State of Alaska  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau AK 99811-0001

RE: Kodiak Island Borough 2009 Capital Improvement Projects Priority List

Dear Governor Palin:

The Kodiak Island Borough is pleased to provide you with its Capital Improvement Projects Priority List for the 2009 legislative session. Resolution No. FY2009-06 was adopted by the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly on September 18, 2008, identifying our capital improvement project priorities. We ask for your consideration of these projects and priorities. All projects address significant needs confronting this community.

Your support and advocacy for these projects is greatly appreciated and your participation is essential. We, along with our lobbyist Mark Hickey will be ready and willing to support you with additional information about these projects upon your request. We look forward to working with you in partnership with state leaders and agencies.

Sincerely,  
*Kodiak Island Borough*

*Rick L. Gifford A.O.*

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Enclosure

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**KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION NO. FY2009-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH  
ADOPTING A STATE LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS  
PRIORITY LIST FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Kodiak Island Borough represents approximately 15,000 residents of the Kodiak Island Archipelago living in six incorporated cities and one community governed by a tribal council government; and

**WHEREAS**, a Borough-wide State legislative capital improvement program has been adopted by the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly that identifies the major needs of the island community for the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kodiak Island Borough has identified major projects to submit to the Alaska State Legislative Delegation for funding consideration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH THAT:**

**Section 1:** The Kodiak Island Borough's State Legislative capital improvement project priorities for the 2009 legislative session are as follows:

1. **Kodiak Island Borough School Seismic Vulnerability Upgrades**  
Total cost for the project: \$8,175,532  
**State funding request: \$4,623,062**  
Kodiak School facilities have been examined for their ability to withstand earthquakes that occur frequently in Kodiak. A structural engineering firm was contracted to perform the calculations and review potential ground motions and determine how these buildings would respond to ground shaking. Many of the buildings have been found to be deficient, but with seismic retrofitting and a benefit/cost analysis that demonstrates that these upgrades are cost efficient, these community facilities can have an extended useful life. The facilities included in this funding request include the Kodiak High School Library, Kodiak Middle School, Peterson Elementary School and the Ouzinkie Village School. The total cost of the seismic upgrades for the above schools includes funding

from FEMA grants totaling \$2,252,470, a legislative grant of \$910,000 and local funding of \$390,000 for a grand total of \$3,552,470. The Kodiak Island Borough School District has submitted this project funding request of \$4,623,062 to DEED as the number one project on their FY10 Six Year Capital Improvement Plan, and if approved, funding would be provided through the DEED Major Maintenance Program.

**2. Kodiak AD&FG Research Facility**

Total cost for the project: \$14,600,000  
**State funding request: \$3,110,000**

Locating a new Alaska Department of Fish and Game building on Near Island and adjacent to its federal research facility counterpart will have many obvious advantages; information sharing is just one. But the real justification for a new state research facility is the shortcomings found in the existing ADF&G building constructed in 1973. These deficiencies have been identified in the ASCG "Condition Survey" study of the existing building performed in 2002. A second "Needs Assessment" report demonstrated that there is a need for additional research and administrative space (approximately 60% more), which includes basic lab space (which has been turned into office space in the existing building). Though the cost of construction of a new facility is estimated to be over \$14,000,000, KIB is requesting \$6,540,000 of that amount from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) Trustee Council. That request is associated with the "research" portion of the facility. State funds in the amount of \$4,950,000 have been provided to ADF&G and the Borough for this project.

**3. New High School/Vocational Education**

Total cost for the project: \$115,300,000  
**State funding request: \$23,000,000**

The existing Kodiak High School Complex was built in 1966, with several additions and renovations made throughout the years. The building is now functionally obsolete, is not energy efficient and is overcrowded. This project will construct a new high school building on the present site, renovate the newest portion of the existing building for administrative offices, and demolish the remaining obsolete structures.

The primary objective of this project is to design and build a new high school with a focus on current and future vocational and academic educational needs enriched by essential student activities and regional community involvement. This new facility would be built using the latest technology for energy efficiencies and sustainability. Approximately \$23 million of the cost of this project is for vocational facilities that are needed for the Kodiak Island region. Funding for this project will come from a borough-wide bond sale which will include local contribution and state reimbursement. The extra space needed for vocational education causes the entire project to exceed the square foot per student requirement which reduces any State bond reimbursement from 70% to 60% for this project. Given the state's responsibility to provide vocational education and training, and the significantly higher costs vocational facilities add to the new high school, the Borough is requesting legislative funding for the vocational portion of the new high school in the amount of \$23 million.