

December 19, 2011

Charlene Nollner  
Native Village of Gakona

Dear Charlene,

The purpose of this letter is to provide support for the proposed expansion of the Buster Gene Memorial Facility (BGMF). A cornerstone event of Gakona's Environmental Program is the Youth Environmental Summit (YES). The expansion of BGMF would directly benefit the YES, thereby positively impacting not only Gakona youth but youth throughout our region.

The annual Youth Environmental Summit, coordinated through the Native Village of Gakona's EPA Indian General Assistance Program, is a large multi-day event for children throughout the Ahtna region. Over 40 students participated in the first Summit in 2008, and the following two years saw over 70 students and 30 adult volunteer participants. In 2010, students from eight different communities participated. The event is anticipated to grow each year. In 2011 48 students from eight different communities attended the Summit. While this number is down, so is the numbers of students in our schools. For 2012 we are looking at adding new dimensions in having the Summit revolve around alternative energy, Biomass, and recycling. Students are engaged in many hands-on activities related to understanding the environment and how to take care of it. Students and adults are provided healthy breakfasts, snacks, and lunches.

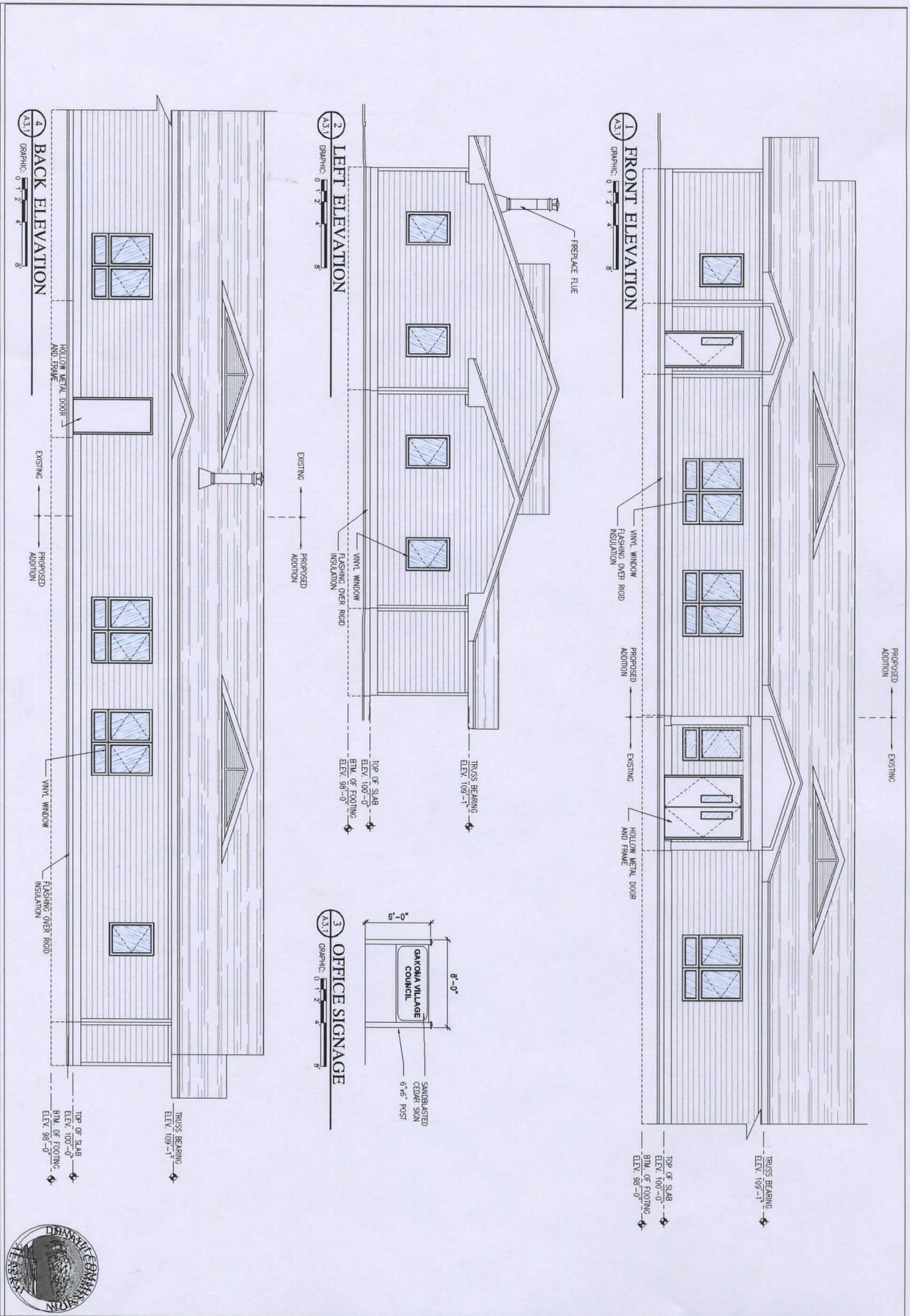
We have not been able to host the event in our home community because the existing facility cannot accommodate such a large group. As the entity responsible for the creation, coordination and implementation of the Summit, it would be very positive for our community to be able to showcase this major event in our own village. It would also reduce some of the logistical and transportation challenges inherent in hosting an event outside of Gakona.

In summary, the youth of Gakona and the Youth Environmental Summit would benefit from the expansion of the facility.

Sincerely,

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**GAKONA MULTI-USE FACILITY ADDITION**  
 GAKONA, ALASKA

DATE: 07-03-2009  
 SCALE: AS NOTED  
 DRAWN BY: CFP

FILE NAME: GAK  
 PROJECT NO: 0119  
 PROJ: WILLIAM KLUGE



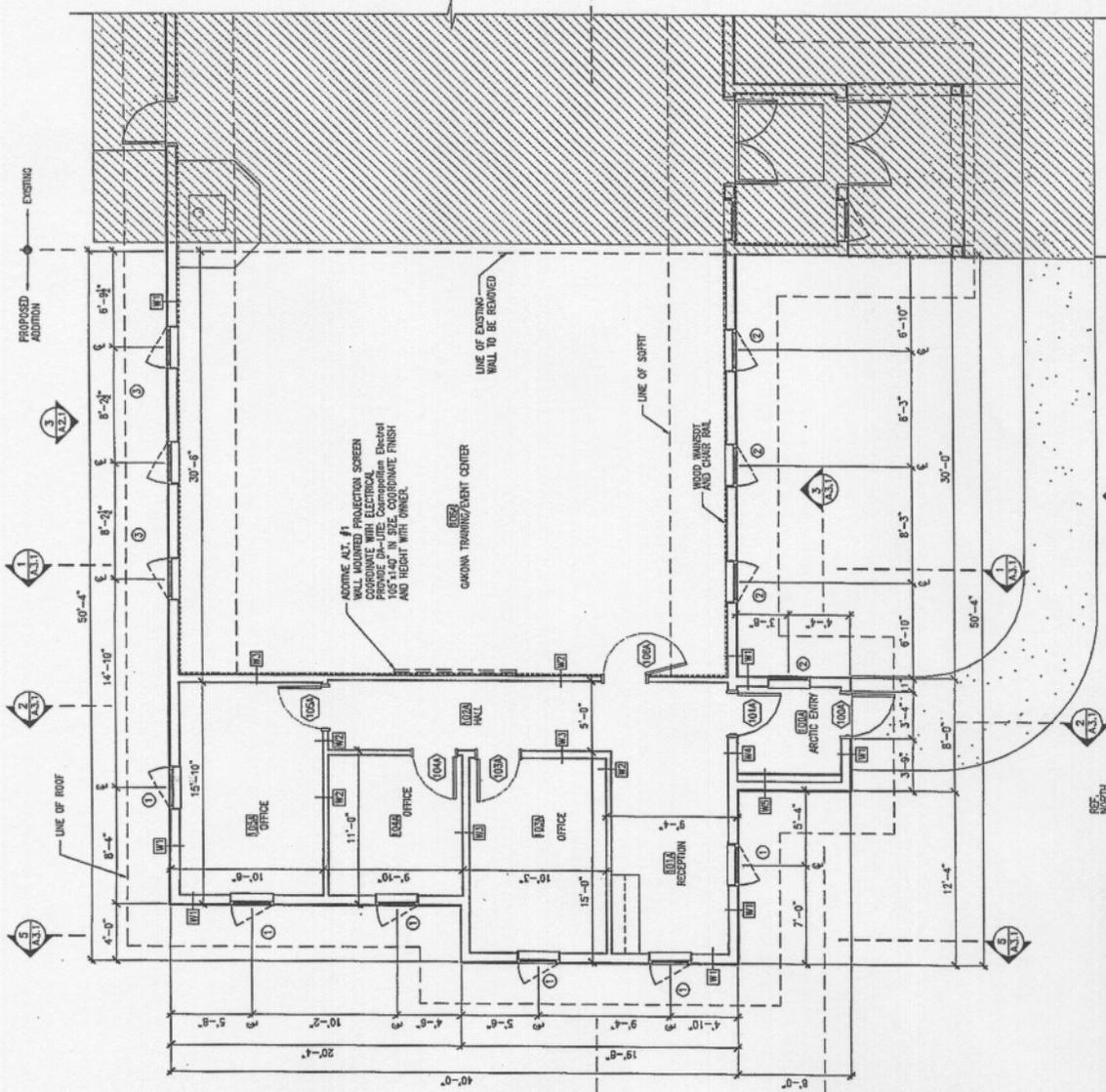
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Revisions:

- GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOTES**
1. PROVIDE ACoustICAL SEALANT AT ALL EDGES AND PENETRATIONS THROUGH ACoustICAL WALLS.
  2. ALL WALLS ARE TO EXTEND TO STRUCTURE ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE. REFERENCE WALL SECTIONS SHEETS A3.1 AND A3.2.
  3. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE OF FINISH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.



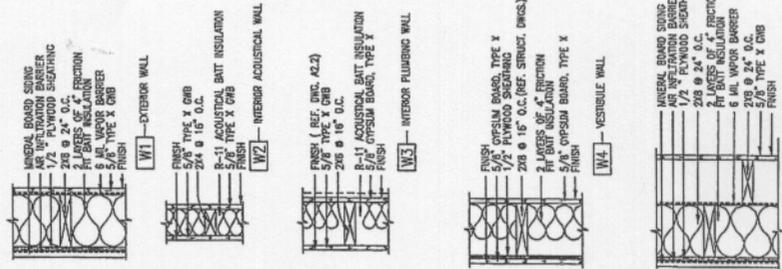
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**GAKONA CULTURAL/SOCIAL SERVICES/ TRAINING CENTER PROJECT**  
 95% REVIEW  
 GAKONA ALASKA



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**FLOOR PLAN**

Sheet **A1.1**  
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- 2 WALL ASSEMBLIES**  
 GRAPHIC: A1.2  
 SEE SHEET A1.3 FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOTES.

**1 FLOOR PLAN-EXPANSION**  
 GRAPHIC: A1.1  
 PROPOSED ADDITION SF. = 1,092 SF.

**Gakona Cultural/Social Services/Training Center  
Addition Project  
Gakona, Alaska**

**Construction Cost Estimate  
Construction Documents Submittal  
January 16, 2012**



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