

Bethel Readiness Center Planning and Design**FY2002 Request: \$750,000**
Reference No: AMD34848**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Public Protection
Location: Bethel
Election District: Bethel, Dillingham
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2011**Project Type:** Planning
Contact: Harold Riley
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Funding is required for the initial design of a new Readiness Center and Organizational Maintenance Shop for the 2nd Battalion, headquartered in Bethel. Under National Guard Bureau Regulation 415-12, The Readiness Center (previously referred to as an "Armory") and Organizational Maintenance Shop (OMS) do not meet the minimum design requirements for these types of facilities. The initial design will address architectural and engineering services to include preliminary site investigation and environmental assessment.

Funding:

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
Gen Fund	\$750,000						\$750,000
Total:	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
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>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

The department is exploring the option to associate this project with the Vocational and Technical Education/Training facility for Bethel.

Detailed Project 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 RC is authorized for 39,359 square feet, over 2 ½ times larger.

The existing OMS is 2,849 square feet and was constructed in 1979. A new OMS is authorized for 8,630 square feet, over three times larger than the existing facility.

Initial state funding for planning and design will result in a future Alaska National Guard Complex in Bethel, in which the federal government will provide 75% of the construction cost of a new Readiness Center and 100% for a new Organizational Maintenance Shop. At the time of construction, the State will be expected to fund site development costs, to contribute 25% of the construction cost of a new Readiness Center, and 0% of a new Organizational Maintenance Shop. The City of Bethel provided land obtained from the federal government to the DMVA for the new site.

Specific Spending Detail:

Funding from this request will be used to obtain contracts for architectural & engineering services to develop biddable construction drawings and specifications, which address National Guard Facilities criteria, site conditions and environmental concerns.

Project Benefits:

This appropriation will initiate the mechanism by which federal funding can be sought for the construction of a Readiness Center and OMS. It represents a minimum investment that maximizes state matching funding. Ultimately, two new facilities will be constructed to meet the minimum requirements for the current and future mission of the Alaska Army National Guard in Bethel.

Project Support:

Education, local community

Does this project leverage other funding for the state?

Yes, once federal approval for construction has been given.

Alternative Approaches/Financing Considered:

Yes, possible joint construction and occupancy of a new facility with local/ regional Native Corporations and Health agencies participation.

Annual Operating and Maintenance Costs:

To be determined after final designs have been established.