

Plant Material Center Shop and Storage Shed Planning and Design **FY2005 Request: \$375,000**
Reference No: 39270

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Planning
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Palmer (Greater Palmer) **Contact:** John Torgerson
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Alaska Plant Materials Center (PMC) is in dire need of a replacement repair shop and equipment shed. The building being used for most of these functions is well over 60 years old. The Alaska Plant Materials Center supports many federal projects in the state. The equipment used on federal programs needs protection from the weather and is in need of constant repair, requiring shop space. A new facility will provide space for both storage and repair. This project funded by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service funds planning and design for a new building, not the actual construction. Federal funding for construction may be pursued after the results of the planning and design are completed.

Funding:	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$375,000						\$375,000
Total:	\$375,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$375,000

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is a new project request.

Project Description/Justification:

The Plant Materials Center operates under AS 03.22. In meeting these missions the PMC operates as a farm. The equipment needed to operate the farm is in need of repair, maintenance, and protection.

A recent OSHA inspection of the present shop and storage facility pointed out significant safety concerns. While these have been temporarily addressed, the only way to correct many of the problems is to design and build a new shop, consistent with new work place regulations.

Overall developing a state-of-the-art facility that reduces energy consumption and contributes to a safe, efficient work place will reduce operating costs. In addition the reduction of equipment down time will enhance the PMC's ability to harvest crops for resale.

Funding of the planning and design of this shop facility is in the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service budget, available for FY05. The PMC will RSA the funds to DOT/PF to oversee the plan and design work. The estimate for the design of a shop was derived from DOT/PF staff.

Why is this Project Needed Now:

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The condition of the current shop is viewed as a health and safety issue.

Specific Spending Detail:

Contractual Services \$375.0 Description -The funds will be RSA'd to DOT/PF and that agency will contract a private sector engineering firm to do the actual design.

Project Support:

The seed growers in Alaska support the project.

Project Opposition:

None known. Funding is in conference committee in Congress.