

**Galena: Airport Improvements****FY2005 Request: \$1,228,000****Reference No: AMD 39367****AP/AL:** Allocation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Transportation**Location:** Galena**Contact:** Kip Knudson**House District:** Interior Villages (HD 6)**Contact Phone:** (907)269-0724**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2009**Appropriation:** Airport Improvement Program**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Construct Taxiway D and F, rehabilitate and expand the general aviation apron, construct a general aviation apron access road, construct a new aviation support apron on the north end of the runway, and install Medium Intensity Taxiway Lights (MITL) and apron lighting at the Galena Airport.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,228,000						\$1,228,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,228,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,228,000</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
5% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

\$3,600,000 - FY2004; \$3,500,000 - FY2003.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The additional legislative authorization will be funding for the new aviation support apron on the north end of the runway. The apron on the south side of the runway, which is situated within the runway safety/object free area, will be demolished. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Fire Service currently uses the south apron for their operation. Often fuel trucks, fire retardant barrels, aircraft and personnel are on the apron within the safety area when aircraft land and depart. Transient aircraft also periodically use this apron. Such use presents a serious obstruction to aircraft using the airport. The Department has wanted to close the south apron and has been asking BLM to move its firefighting operation to the north side of the airport for many years. However, the absence of an improved apron has not made such a move feasible. The airport improvements are currently under construction contract. Adding the new apron work under the existing contract will save on mobilization and demobilization expenses, which are anticipated to cost 1.5 million. The BLM Alaska Fire Service is willing to contribute 2.0 million dollars for the new apron.