

Plant Material Center Shop and Equipment Shed**FY2006 Request: \$1,350,000****Reference No: 40234****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Palmer (Greater Palmer)**Contact:** Nico Bus**House District:** Greater Palmer (HD 13)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Alaska Plant Materials Center (PMC) is in dire need of a new Repair Shop Building 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. This new facility will provide space for both storage and repair. Design funds have already been appropriated. This requested fund authorization will allow the construction of the facility. The money is presently in the federal budget awaiting conference committee concurrence.

Funding:	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,350,000	\$1,300,000					\$2,650,000
Total:	\$1,350,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,650,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" 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
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Placeholder

Project Description/Justification:

The Plant Materials Center operates under AS 03.22. In doing 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.

The estimate for the design of a shop was derived from DOT/PF staff.

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The project is intended to design and build a new equipment shed and repair shop on the Alaska PMC property. It will also serve federal agricultural projects hosted at the Plant Material Center. The new facility will provide for long term savings in operation costs. The present facility is inadequately insulated and is heated with obsolete furnaces. The new facility will also incorporate the latest safety and health design standards. Phase I (planning and design) was funded in FY05.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED NOW?

This should be viewed as a health and safety issue.

SPECIFIC SPENDING DETAIL

Services \$1,350,000. Phase I FY06

\$1,300,000. Phase II FY07

The funds will be transferred to DOT/PF via RSA and that agency will contract a private sector engineering firm to do the project management of Phase I of the construction.

PROJECT SUPPORT

The seed growers in Alaska support the project.

PROJECT OBJECTION

There should be no objection as the funding is in conference committee in Congress. At this time the only possible action on the appropriation is a presidential veto of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

State Match Required: No