

**Alaska Cadastral Project****FY2006 Request: \$200,000****Reference No: 37768****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Information Systems**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Richard McMahon**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)269-8836**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 09/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This funding request is for the completion phase of this federal grant. The goal of this project is to create an integrated system for sharing land parcel information between federal, state, local, and native organizations. The Alaska Cadastral Project will enable anyone to access current rights, interests and boundary information involving real property. The project builds partnerships for the collection, management, standardization, and sharing of Alaska's land parcel information to improve business processes and support decision making.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$200,000						\$200,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

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

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

SLA04/CH159 - \$400,000

SLA03/CH82 - \$518,700

An FY03 RPL in the amount of \$600,000 to implement the first phase was approved by LB&A (ADN#10-3-4040).

For more information, see the project web site:

<http://www.asgdc.state.ak.us/cadastralproject/>**Project Description/Justification:**

Land managers have long requested a simplified method for answering the questions of 'Who owns this land?'; 'Where is this parcel located?'; 'What rights and restrictions are associated with the land?'; and 'What are the ownerships and uses of neighboring lands – Who do I need to contact?'. In October 2000, a Cadastral Forum was sponsored by the Western Governor's Association to build broad support for improved working relationships between federal, state, local, and native land managers. A Western Governor's Policy statement defines the broad goals of this initiative. See <http://www.westgov.org/wga/policy/00/00005.htm>

Alaska BLM was directly funded to address issues unique to this state. A steering committee was established representing federal, state, local, and native interests. The committee possesses a wide spectrum of technical and management skills. Three of the seven members are licensed surveyors, including the Chair. Two competitive grant solicitations have been completed, and grant awards have been approved by the Steering Committee based on the

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application process. This project projects approval for DNR to advance an integrated software, data, and networking solution to meet the goal of the project.

The Alaska Cadastral Project addresses the common needs of public agencies to track the location and disposition of public lands. It recognizes the need for agencies to work together to improve the manner in which they share land ownership information. It recognizes the central role of State Recorder's Office to provide transaction processing services for sharing updated information for both public and private lands. The project addresses the need for the surveying community to work more closely together in the general area of control and datums. Based on the shared approach undertaken by this project, efficiencies will be introduced lowering operating costs for the participants. Information will be better organized, and offer land managers and the general public with current information on public land from local, state, and federal land record system through a single user-interface. Improved access to information on private land parcels can be made through improvements to the State Recorder's Office system. Direct private sector jobs are supported in the software and consulting business sectors. Firms that provide value added services based to resource industries, conservation organizations, or those in the information services business, directly benefit from the improved access to public information. The project strengthens the relationships between the boroughs and the State DNR; it increases the quality and timeliness of information exchange related to borough's ability to track and assess property. For this reason, local governments are providing matching funds on their respective projects.

**Why is this Project Needed Now:**

The project builds upon the ongoing work of DNR in the area of land records modernization, the BLM cadastral survey program and automation efforts under that program, and the significant investments being made by local government and native organizations. The cost of not doing this project is continued lack of government coordination and increased costs of conducting government business and increased costs for the public and industry groups related to resource management.

**Specific Spending Detail:**

<b>BLM-DNR CADASTRAL PROJECT</b>	<b>FY04</b>	<b>FY05</b>	<b>FY06</b>	
Federal Funds	\$518.7	\$400.0	\$200.0	
State In-Kind Matching Funds	\$130.0	\$50.0	50.0	
<i>Cost Detail</i>	<i>FY04</i>	<i>FY05</i>	<i>FY06</i>	<i>Total</i>
100 Personal Services	\$ 200.0	\$250.0	\$ 40.0	\$490.0
200 Travel	\$ 30.0	\$0.0	\$ 10.0	\$ 40.0
300 Services	\$ 181.6	\$100.0	\$ 125.0	\$406.6
400 Commodities	\$ 90.0	\$30.0	\$ 20.0	\$140.0
500 Capital Outlay	\$ 0.0	\$0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
Indirect	\$ 17.1	\$20.0	\$ 5.0	\$ 42.1
Federal Total	\$518.7	\$400.0	\$200.0	\$1118.7
State Match Total (match in personal services)	\$130.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$ 230.0
	\$648.7	\$450.0	\$250.0	\$1348.7

In-kind match is budgeted at \$50.0 in personal services costs from the Information Resource Management component's operating budget.

Line Item Detail Description:

100 Personal Services – Analyst Programmers, Project Manager (AP IV), Recorder II (indexing plats)
200 Travel – No travel expenditures are expected from the FY05 funding.
300 Services – Support for non-state approved projects, contractual support for tech services for DNR projects, technical training
400 Commodities – computer hardware and software
500 Capital Outlay – no equipment purchases

**Project Support:**

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Office is the federal lead on this project and provides the direct support via funding, data, software, and administration. The State Recorder, State Land Managers, State Surveyors, DNR adjudicators, and others managing state lands support the effort to bridge federal, borough, and native land records. Borough assemblies have approved projects, specifically Fairbanks North Star, the City and Borough of Juneau, and the Mat-Su Borough. Native organizations include the Northwest Arctic Region, a joint project between NANA and the Northwest Arctic Borough and others; and the Georgetown Tribal Council representing ten villages of the Upper Kuskokwim. Private survey firms are also involved with the grant process as sub-contractors. The Steering Committee is also working with the Municipality of Anchorage on a proposal.

For a list of current projects with links to the detailed project text see:

<http://cadastral.info>

Policy and standards are also provided by the Western Governor's Association, the Federal Geographic Data Committee, Cadastral Subcommittee (<http://www.fairview-industries.com/fgdc-cad.html>) and the Alaska Geographic Data Committee (AGDC – <http://agdc.usgs.gov>)

**Project Opposition:** *None known.*

**State Match Required:**

Yes, State in-kind matching funds have been used to complement the broad goals of this project. This matching work directly benefits the project goals, and supports broader state goals associated with the automation strategies set for the department. Matching funds are planned at the \$50.0 level for personal services. Existing General Fund sources meet the in-kind services requirements of this program, no incremental GF funding is required to provide the match.

**Annual Operating and Maintenance Costs:**

Any increased expenses from new capabilities will be offset by operational savings from new efficiencies introduced by this project. Operational efficiencies have been gained by related efforts, such as the posting of federal plats and surveys related to state lands at the DNR and BLM joint landrecords website:

<http://landrecords.info>

Also, the posting of federal and state mining claims at

<http://akmining.info> has offered both the public and agency staff a much needed view of both federal and state mining claims.

Staff are more efficient by spending less time gathering information needed to make decisions on permits and applications; backlogs have been reduced.