

Alaska Military Youth Academy Expansion**FY2007 Request: \$7,500,000****Reference No: AMD 39290****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Education**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** John Cramer**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4602**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will fund the site selection and planning of an Interior Alaska Military Youth Academy. This request will assist the department in achieving the end result of expanding educational and career opportunities for Alaska's youth through the Alaska Military Youth Academy programs and will assist in achieving the strategy of increasing applicants from rural Alaska.

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Funding:	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$7,000,000						\$7,000,000
Gen Fund	\$500,000	\$5,000,000					\$5,500,000
Total:	\$7,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500,000

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	165,000	2
Ongoing Operating:	7,250,000	53
One-Time Startup:	1,985,100	
Totals:	9,400,100	55

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

No prior funding history exists.

Project Description/Justification:

Expansion of the Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) to Interior Alaska is part of a rural youth outreach effort. An expansion of a new academy will fulfill the State's responsibility to ensure the youth of Alaska receive and participate in the best educational and training opportunities available to them. The program assists them in meeting their educational needs and goals in life that could not be attained within the standard high school atmosphere. This is a department level strategy and an accelerated initiative supported by the Governor.

The initial investment of \$500,000 will fund the site selection and planning of an existing complex in Interior Alaska. Once a site selection is determined, the approximately 70,000 sq. ft Academy would provide space for a 50 - 100 bed program. This would support two classes with 50 - 100 students per class. The space would include billeting with latrine and shower connections, a laundry room to provide 20 commercial washers and dryers for use by students, educational classrooms for 20-25 students each, a computer lab with 25-30 terminal work stations, an indoor gym to support physical training activities, training rooms for 25-38 students for Platoon/Team Leader activities, a kitchen that will prepare and serve meals for up to 100 students daily over one year, and a dining area that will accommodate 100 students eating three meals per day. The space also includes a large supply area for storage and issue of uniforms, equipment and

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supplies, a medical aide office and two exam rooms for medical care to students seven days a week, a GED testing center/room with 25 test stations for each testing session, office space and two private rooms for staff counselors and students and office space for other support and operational staff overseeing the first year graduates of 100 students.

Once site selection is completed, additional funding for architectural and engineering, renovation and remodeling, startup funding, and annual operating costs will be determined and requested through the capital and operating budget process.

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It is hoped that once a new program is approved by the National Guard Bureau ChalleNGe program managers, federal year 2008 funding in the amount of \$2,100,000 will be released to Alaska for opening of the new academy. This federal operational funding will require a state match of \$1,400,000 (40%), as does the Anchorage program. Additionally, the Interior Alaska Academy will qualify for educational foundation formula dollars the fiscal year following the first October 1 enrollment count. These funds are from the State of Alaska, Department of Education & Early Development. This accelerated expansion to Interior Alaska will not only grow the program in Alaska and expose more youth to the ChalleNGe Program way of life, but will also meet our goal to increase educational and career opportunities for Alaskan youth.