

Alaska State Library, Archives and Museum: Planning and Design of New Facility **FY2008 Request: \$0**
Reference No: 45468

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Planning
Category: Education
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Estimated Project Dates: 04/13/2008 - 06/30/2013

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Alaska State Library, Archives and Museums are currently held in three undersized and outmoded facilities that have reached capacity. The department has acquired temporary storage space to house the overflow of materials, further reducing the efficient use of, accessibility to, and security of these collections. The need for a new building is acute. The plan is to consolidate the collections in one building by expanding the existing Alaska State Museum located in Juneau. This request will aid in the design and planning for a new facility that will efficiently and properly showcase Alaska's history and protect Alaska's heritage for the future.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Misc Earn							\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<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
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$1,500,000 was appropriated to purchase the property adjacent to the Alaska State Museum in Juneau and an additional \$50,000 was appropriated for site development in FY2003. In FY2006 \$1,400,000 was appropriated for preliminary design work and planning of a combined facility. A needs assessment has been completed along with a project cost estimate for design and completion of the new facility.

Project Description/Justification:

In 2002, with a \$1.5 million appropriation from the legislature, the state acquired a 1.58 acre vacant lot contiguous to the Alaska State Museum facility in downtown Juneau. Once the design is completed with this capital appropriation, the construction funds will be requested to allow a consolidation of the collections of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums in one modern facility that will efficiently and effectively showcase Alaska's past and protect its heritage for the future. The new museum, archives and library would provide a cornerstone building in the capital city and is envisioned as a dynamic public cultural center and major research institution for the State of Alaska.

After 25-30 years in their respective facilities, all three programs are facing a space crisis. Not one of the facilities meets the security or environmental needs of their respective collections. Since 1979 part of the State Museum's collection has been housed in temporary storage buildings in the parking lot, and staff work areas are severely overcrowded. The museum collection alone is valued at over \$30 million. The State Archives facility faces two major problems. First, it is within a year of reaching its storage capacity for the state's permanent archival records. Second, the facility itself is in

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great need of repair as the front of the building is torquing away from the back causing separation and destruction of the building's structural integrity. The archive's collection is unique and irreplaceable. The State Library's historical collection houses a permanent collection of books, periodicals, Alaska state documents, manuscripts, photographs and maps. There is neither a fire-suppression system nor an adequate security system for this collection, which is valued at over \$50 million. The government section has been at capacity since the mid 1980s. A combined facility would result in cost savings in several areas, including shared HVAC, fire-suppression and security systems, high density storage of materials, a shared laboratory for conservation and microfilm processing, and patron use areas for the Historical and Archival collections.

The collections presently held in Juneau by the Alaska State Library, the Alaska State Archives and the Alaska State Museum are located at three different sites and housed in buildings that are insufficient in size, lack proper security and are structurally deficient. The collections share similar needs: All must be stored under controlled environmental conditions, there must be adequate storage capacity to meet present and future needs and the space has to be sufficiently secure to protect the collections without unduly restricting access. For insurance purposes the appraised value of the museum and library collections is over \$80 million.

After design and completion this project will result in a 100,000 square foot expansion of the current State Museum facility. It will vacate about 41,200 square feet of space in other state facilities.

Land Acquisition: Accomplished in 2002
Purchased from the Alaska Land and Pier Co.

Planning and Design: 2005-2007

Using the FY06 appropriation of \$1,400,000 to develop a needs assessment and pursue preliminary design work, the department hired an architectural firm following a competitive process. Their first task was to involve the agency and various user groups to determine design elements for a building that will accommodate the private, public, research and educational users of a consolidated facility. The needs assessment has been completed along with developing a project estimate to complete the construction based on a schedule for the current year with a cost escalator factor of 10% built into the estimate. The current estimate for project completion is \$75,000,000 but project delay will affect the original cost estimates to some degree. Facilities of this type have unique considerations that must be factored in during the development of the plans and this design funding along with the remaining balance of the initial funds appropriated will allow complete bid ready design/construction documents to be produced.