

Tok Compound Replacements/Upgrades

FY2009 Request: \$700,000
Reference No: 42980

AP/AL: Allocation **Project Type:** Renewal and Replacement
Category: Housing/Social Services
Location: Tok **Contact:** Tom Lawson
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2011
Appropriation: Statewide Facility Deferred Maintenance Bonding Projects

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides funding for a contract for a formal site assessment of the Tok compound followed by: design and site preparations, demolition and removal of existing structures and hazardous waste, purchase, transportation and installation of a new modular office and employee housing structure, and the construction/upgrades of storage units to be located on the department's existing compound in Tok.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
ASLC Bonds	\$700,000						\$700,000
Total:	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$700,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

No prior funding.

Project Description/Justification:

The existing Tok compound consists of an old U.S. Customs house that was previously used as an office (and more recently as a bunkhouse for seasonal and transient staff); an adjacent converted single-story house that currently serves as the office; an old and failing garage that is used for storage; and a variety of small wood structures that have evolved over time into cold storage units. Each of these buildings is near (or at) the end of their useful life expectancy. None of these buildings meet current building codes or energy efficiency standards, and at least one is known to contain asbestos. There also is no secure storage on site for vehicles/equipment or for the compound itself. Access and parking is limited for the public and off street parking for staff is also limited.

The Tok compound provides facilities support for research and management programs in the upper Tanana and Yukon River drainages that is vital for the achievement of the Division of Wildlife Conservation's mission. Over the past 25 years, the office supported research projects on caribou, moose, wolves and bears. The office has also supported management programs that have provided resource use opportunities for thousands of Alaskans and non-residents annually. This office probably has one of the largest roadside public use clientele in the department. Large numbers of wildlife users from road and ferry connected communities funnel through the Tok office to obtain information and regulatory services. In addition, the office serves as one of the initial contact points for thousands of visitors who reach our state annually via the Alaska Highway. The Tok program has been very successful over time and there is a continuing need for these facilities in the Tok area. However, that success is jeopardized by deteriorating facilities that need to be upgraded.