

**Alaska Marine Exchange - Vessel Tracking System
Operating Costs**

**FY2010 Request: \$650,000
Reference No: 47879**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Transportation
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014

Project Type: Health and Safety
Recipient: Alaska Marine Exchange
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project provides funding for the annual operating costs of the Marine Exchange of Alaska's Vessel Tracking System.

This project contributes to the Department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities by providing economic growth to the communities it serves.

Funding:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
CSG Tax	\$650,000						\$650,000
Total:	\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650,000

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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Year	Amount	Legislation
2002	646,000	SLA 01 Ch 61 Pg 80 Ln 10
2007	200,000	SLA 06 Ch 82 Pg 18 Ln 20
2008	200,000	SLA 07 Ch 30 Pg 4 Ln 22
2009	1,250,000	SLA 08 Ch 29 Pg 97 Ln 31

Project Description/Justification:

Background: Marine Exchange of Alaska is a non-profit maritime organization established to serve the Alaska maritime community by providing information, communications, and services to ensure safe, secure, efficient and environmentally responsible maritime operations.

Project description: Funding to support annual operating costs of the Marine Exchange of Alaska's, Vessel Tracking System. Additional information from the Alaska Marine Exchange is attached to provide greater detail. A vessel tracking system provides the following benefits:

Increased safety – reducing the search time in search and rescue operations.

Increased security – knowing where vessels are with certain cargos and/or passengers allows

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security forces to more rapidly identify and respond.

Increased efficiency (also benefiting environmental issues) – tugs and pilots supporting various vessels know the location of the vessels they are supporting.