

Fire Suppression Trunk Road Facility Relocation

FY2010 Request: \$2,400,000

Reference No: 46947

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Renovation and Remodeling

Category: Public Protection

Location: Palmer (Greater Palmer)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2010

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Project will move an existing large building from Trunk Road to Palmer to maintain fire suppression support and retain the State's asset investment. The land and lease were sold and Forestry has received notice to move improvements or forfeit them. Retaining this facility supports the mission to "Manage wildland fires in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible, meeting statutory requirements to provide wildland fire protection to all state, municipal, and private lands." Fire suppression supports health and safety mandates.

| Funding: | FY2010 | FY2011 | FY2012 | FY2013 | FY2014 | FY2015 | Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Gen Fund | \$2,400,000 | | | | | | \$2,400,000 |
| Total: | \$2,400,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$2,400,000 |

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| <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:

This is a new project request.

Project Description/Justification:

Forestry has a substantial steel constructed building, 100'x100' square with a 25'x50' lean-to, which was built in 1990 for \$2.7M on then University of Alaska leased land. The University sold that land, adjacent to the new hospital on the Parks Highway, along with the lease. In May 2007 Forestry was given the required three-year notice to remove the building or forfeit it. This relocation will protect the State's investment and maintain facility use for firefighting.

Forestry had a relocation study done in July 2007 to determine condition and costs of a move which stated "The building is in excellent condition and appears to suit the needs of the Forestry department." Forestry needs to move the building to a location which would allow continued and expanded use for fire engines and initial attack response. The study examined different options for the move and relocation, but all require utility disconnects and preparation at the existing site, move costs, and construction at the new location - foundations, utility connections, building alterations and improvements (restrooms, mechanical/electrical rooms, etc.). Moving requires separating the building into two halves and optimal use at a new site would be obtained by keeping it in two halves to provide additional fire engine bays for rapid response.

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Fire fighting response supports public health and safety. Wildland firefighting is a statutory responsibility under AS 41.15. The facility is located at the heart of the wildland-urban interface fire risk in the Matanuska-Susitna valley and firefighters respond to fire throughout, as well as the Anchorage bowl. State operating expenses are incurred annually by the existing facility, however if the facility were to be lost, increased costs would be anticipated in the operating budget to provide response capability.

Why is this Project Needed Now?

The existing facility is on leased land that was sold by the University of Alaska to the Providence Health Care System which gave us a three-year notice in 2007 to remove the building – the lease provides that the facilities will belong to them if not removed. Moving the facility to a new location will require disassembly into two portions, reinforcement of basic structure for move, building new foundations and facilities modification and hookups (electrical, sewer, water, etc.) at a new location. Timing of the notice receipt requires funding this fiscal year to allow procurement process and actual move to be accomplished. Funding must be acquired for FY10 expenditure to accomplish the move by June 30, 2010 within the deadline.

Specific Spending Detail:

| <u>LINE ITEM</u> | <u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|---|
| Services | \$ 2,400,000 | DOT to manage and contract for the work |

Project Support:

Wildland fire and urban-interface fire suppression organizations in the Mat-Su Valley as this supports Forestry's fire response forces for life and safety. Support from the new landowner, as it will give them full access to their land for development of medical buildings being planned.