

Akiachak: Airport Relocation

FY2010 Request: \$6,000,000
Reference No: 43254

AP/AL: Allocation
Category: Transportation
Location: Akiachak
House District: Bethel (HD 38)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014
Appropriation: Airport Improvement Program

Project Type: Construction
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will relocate and construct a new Akiachak Airport 3,300 foot runway, construct a new airport, new apron, taxiway and airport access road, construct snow removal equipment buildings, and install fencing and airport lighting. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$6,000,000						\$6,000,000
Total:	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
5% = 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:	16,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	16,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2009 - \$8,000,000; FY2008 - \$10,500,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this project is to replace the current airport with a new airport that is up to current design standards to improve safety and operational efficiency. The existing runway and safety areas do not meet minimum length and width standards. The runway is not oriented with prevailing wind patterns, has ruts and dips with loose gravel surfacing, and is reported to be soft when wet. The existing apron is simply a widened portion of the runway. It is deficient in size for the forecasted operations and does not meet separation standards from the runway surface. A 400-foot offset is required to satisfy non-precision GPS approach requirements, which is the current design standard. The new airport will include lighting to improve safety and increase the number of flight operations during marginal weather and light conditions.

Operating and maintenance costs are expected to increase by approximately \$16,000 per year beginning in FY2012.