

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Kenai Peninsula Borough - Diamond Ridge Fire Station & Equipment Building

State Funding Requested: \$400,000**House District: 35 / R**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

To construct a building on existing land purchased in 2006 for use as a fire station site. This fire station is imperative for emergency response

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$560,750
Funding Already Secured:	(\$160,750)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$400,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In 2006 a parcel of land was purchased for the construction of a fire station (\$61,800). In subsequent years funds have been allocated for the architectural plans and fire station design and plans have been completed (Surveying 2006 and 2007 \$8,950; Architectural Designs 2008-2011 \$120,000).

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kachemak Emergency Service Area covers 214 square miles around the City of Homer that is divided geographically into the West and East Side. The Service Area currently has a fire station on the "East Side" at mile 12 of East End Road and is leasing a shop building on the "West Side" that is inadequate for the required emergency response equipment for firefighting and to maintain a reasonable ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating for area residents. Originally plans for a \$3.7 million fire station were developed but due to the current economic situation it was apparent that securing funding for that project was not feasible. As a result a design was developed to house the apparatus and provide a source for water supply through the addition of underground water tanks and a draft source to refill tankers and other apparatus. The land is located at the 2.2 mile marker of Diamond Ridge Road and this location will also improve response times to the west side and across the East Skyline Bluff.

In 2006 the City of Homer passed a resolution (06-21) in full support of the construction of the station and the Kenai Peninsula Borough passed resolutions to acquire 5.131 acres of land on Diamond Ridge Road by Knott Circle in Homer approximately 2.2 miles east of the Sterling Highway in an area referred to as the "White Alice Subdivision" and the land was then acquired in June of 2006 for the purpose of constructing the second fire station for the west side of the Kachemak Emergency Fire Service Area.

Project Timeline:

If funding is secured by the Spring of 2011 a formal bid process will identify a construction firm for the project and ground work will commence immediately so that the structure can be completed by the fall of 2011

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of the Kachemak Emergency Service Area

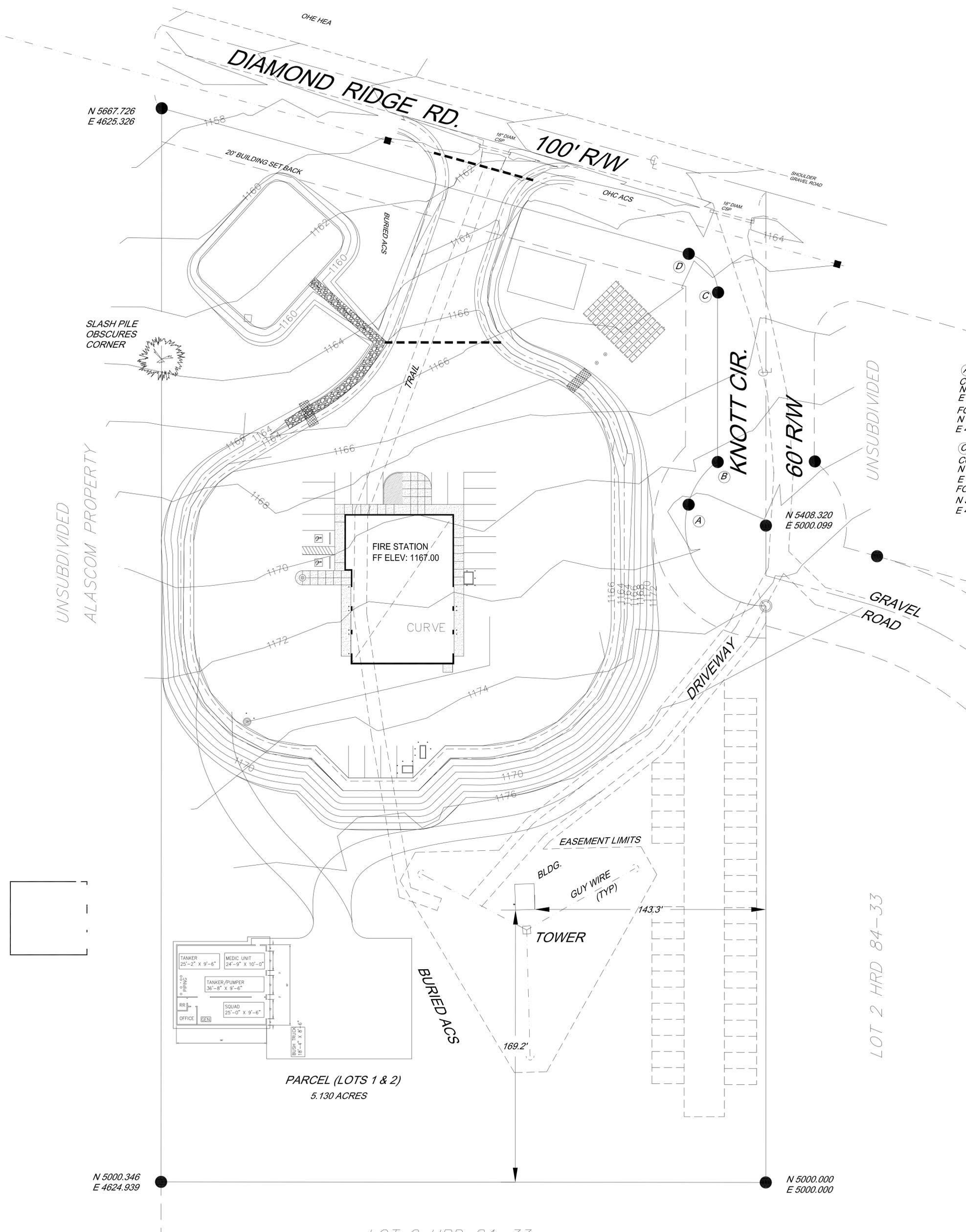
Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Robert Cicciarella
Title: Chief, Kachemak Emergency Services
Address: 54038 Ashwood Ave
Homer, Alaska 99603
Phone Number: (907)235-9811
Email: bcicciarella@borough.kenai.ak.us

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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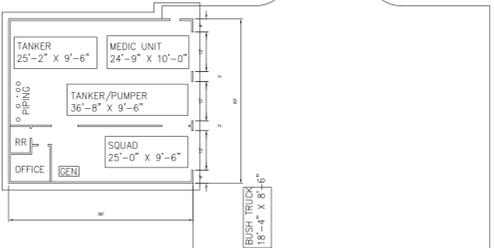
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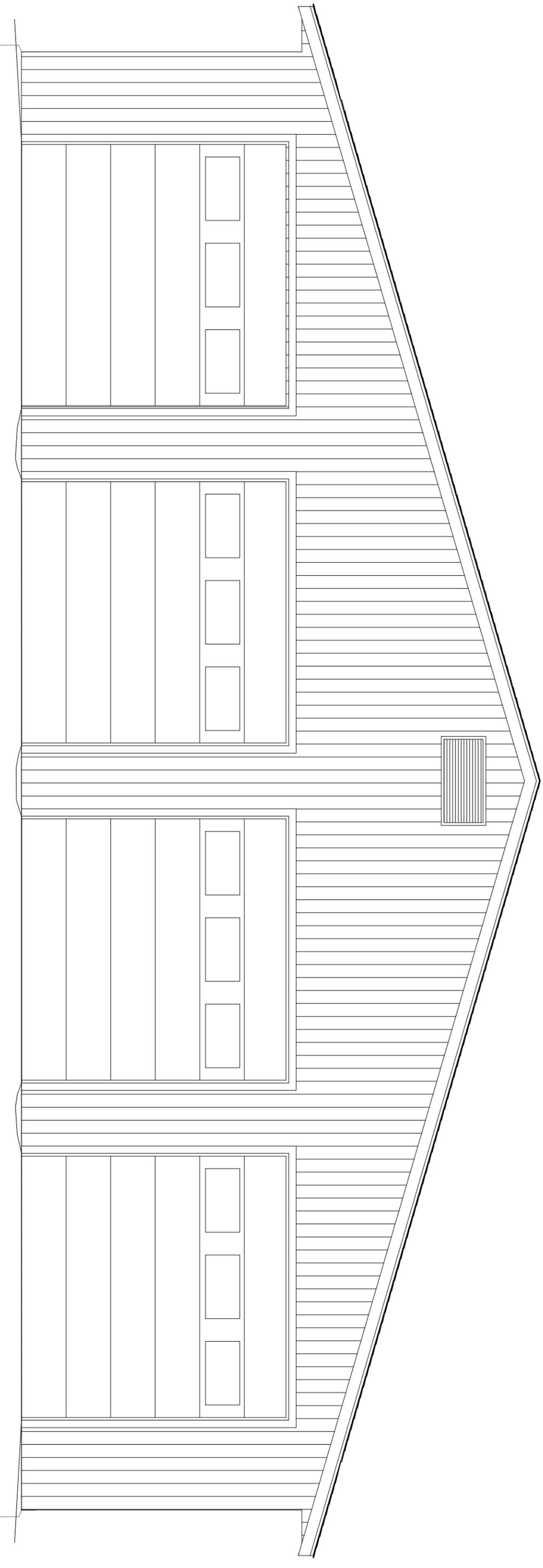
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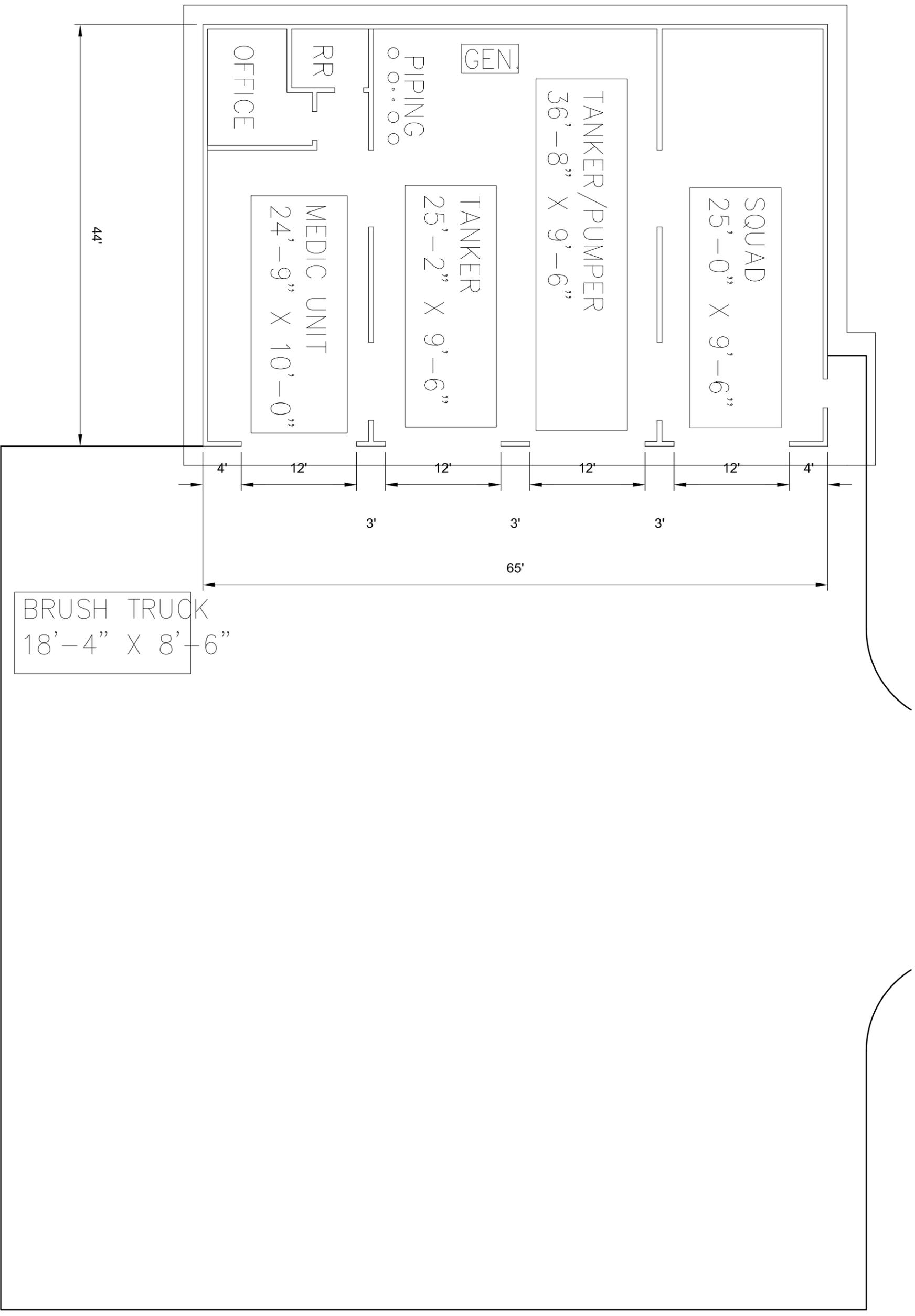


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To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to the activation of the Ruth Way Fire Station and the savings it will have on Homeowners and Dwelling Insurance.

When this station in fact is certified, the protection class will change from a 10 to an 8B and will save our clients 15% annually on average. Bob Cicciarella has also stated that there may be an opportunity to build a station on Diamond Ridge and purchase a ladder truck. He has indicated that this will change our protection class status from an 8B to a 7. This would be an additional savings of 23% on average for our clients.

Thank you,

Homer Insurance Center

Katie Koester

From: Milli [millimom@xyz.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 9:40 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton; Katie Koester
Subject: Re: KESA Budget Request

Dear Rep. Seaton,

I am writing in support of the funds requested by the Kachemak Emergency Service Area in the amount of \$400,000. It is my very sincere hope that the Legislature will fund this request.

To meet the ISO standards, KESA has ordered and is receiving a new tanker truck, but, lack the space to store it, and that is what the \$400,000 is for. The initial request from the Board was for \$3.5 million, for a full station at lands previously purchased on Diamond Ridge Road, to meet the needs of the west side of our district. However, the Board realized this was perhaps not realistic this year. Therefore the decision was made to build a "garage", located on the KESA land that would become a storage area after the station is built. In the meantime it would be large enough to house all the equipment we need for that area, including the new truck, and, we would no longer require the building we are now renting on Ruth Way, saving the Service Area \$20,000 per year. There are sufficient funds available to do the basic ground work, but not for the building.

Whatever assistance you can get for KESA would be greatly appreciated, especially by our residents, who will see a lowering of their insurance costs when the new truck is housed there.

Thanks much,

Milli Martin
PO Box 2652
Homer, AK 99603
907-235-6652

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:35 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Kabbalah emergency diamond ridge services

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Dearmoun [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:03 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Kabbalah emergency diamond ridge services

We support funding for the above listed requests?, please list the dearmoun family on any pending legislature.
Sent from my iPhone

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:42 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: kachemak emergency services

From: AIRay Carroll [mailto:██████████]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 1:20 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: kachemak emergency services

Good afternoon Paul, just a short note to support the funding request by KES for the Diamond ridge facility there is equipment on it's way and they need a building Thanks AIRay .



Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Please fund the KESA fire building on Diamond Ridge

From: Gary Thomas [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 2:25 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Please fund the KESA fire building on Diamond Ridge

Paul,
The request through Kachemak Emergency Services for a storage / equipment building on Diamond Ridge
Is timely and very cost efficient.
Please help.
Please include the request in the budget for this upcoming year.
Thank you.
Gary Thomas
P.O. Box 2486
Homer, Alaska 99603

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Re:Kachemak Bay emergency services

From: Consuelo Goldman [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:47 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Re:Kachemak Bay emergency services

Dear Representative Seaton,

I am writing to express my family's strong support for the proposal to build an emergency services station on Diamond Ridge. You have received a proposal for \$400,000 to build this station, which is a meager amount, particularly when you consider the benefits of having a station in that location (that will also house a large pumping engine). There is a lack of services close by for residents and any businesses in that area (it simply takes time to get there from current station locations) and this station would allow faster service to a broader range of people on the lower Kenai (Anchor Point &* Homer area), where services are badly needed. I urge you to consider the safety and lives of people that live in this area and vote to approve this funding request; and thank you for your time and attention to this email.

Regards,

The Goldman Family

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: funding for KESA station on Diamond Ridge

From: Mako Haggerty [mailto:██████████]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: re: funding for KESA station on Diamond Ridge

Hi Paul

We are lucky to have KESA and all the dedicated crew and volunteers. I would like to have a portion of that professionalism in my neighborhood. The fact that KESA covers such a great area it seems imperative that we get station or garage on Diamond Ridge to cover the western end of KESA.

We are lucky to have Doug Shade and Jeff Middleton on the Board. They know dirt. Their expertise will be invaluable in the preliminary stages of the construction of the Diamond Ridge Station.

I like the sound of "Diamond Ridge Station" much more than Ruth Way garage.

Diamond Ridge is also on the main road making response quicker. During the winter this is critical as Ruth Way has road issues.

If the numbers are correct from Paul Zimmerman in Kasilof the savings in insurance costs due to lower ISO ratings will be significant.

Thank you. .

Mako

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 4:49 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: State funding to support temporary building within KESA on Diamond Ridge

From: Meg Ciciarella [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 4:19 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: State funding to support temporary building within KESA on Diamond Ridge

Dear Rep. Seaton:

I am writing to register support of Kachemak Emergency Services request for State funding of \$400,000.00 to build a temporary building on its land on Diamond Ridge Road in order to house the new Tanker/Pumper and other equipment for the West Side of the service area.

Please take a positive stand on the need for this funding and support KESA.

Respectfully,

Meg Ciciarella

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Diamond Ridge Equipment Building

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:44 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Diamond Ridge Equipment Building

Representative Paul Seaton,

My name is Steve Boyle and I am the Assistant Fire Chief with Kachemak Emergency Services. I and Chief Chicciarella met with you during our visit in Juneau and I am writing you this email as a followup to our previous conversation. As we mentioned before, we are in desperate need of a building on the Diamond Ridge side of our service area. We are in the process of purchasing a 2000 gal pumper/tanker which will not only provide a lower ISO rating on the west end of our district, but more importantly will provide capable firefighting abilities in that area for the first time ever.

Unfortunately, our current rented facilities do not provide room for the size or number of trucks we need to place over in that area. Everything hinges on getting this building built and in place.

Chief Cicciarella, put forth a compromise from the 4-5 million dollar full size station (which we very much need in the long term) to a \$400,000 equipment building which will at least hold us for the next 5 years and give us the ability to really make an impact on saving lives and property in that area.

I know you have a lot of other interested parties asking for money from the state, but I hope you will agree that for such a comparatively small amount of money, the impact to this area will be well above and beyond what is being spent.

Additionally, the placement of this station will save the local residence approximately 33% on their annual insurance costs, adding even more economically beneficial weight behind the value of this project.

I hope the above mentioned reasons will help convince you of this enormous need and I look forward to your continued support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Steve Boyle
Assistant Chief
Kachemak Emergency Services.

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Diamond Ridge station

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:33 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Diamond Ridge station

Mr. Seaton

My name is Kathy Boyle and I wanted to e-mail you and ask that you help Kachemak Emergency Services with the funding for a critical equipment building on the Diamond Ridge area. I volunteer with KESA and that go to calls out there. We need a permanent building to put all of the responding apparatus that we have and are getting in the near future. Without it, we won't be able to get the needed equipment for putting out fires and responding to medical calls in that area to the level that is needed. I am asking that you, as our representative for this area, please support funding our building so we can continue to improve the emergency response abilities in the Diamond Ridge area. Thank you.

Kathy Boyle
Homer

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: KESA Equipment Building

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:28 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: KESA Equipment Building

Dear Representative Seaton,

I am a volunteer with Kachemak Emergency Services in Homer and I am writing you to ask you to support funding our much needed equipment shed which will be located on Diamond Ridge Rd. I respond to that area primarily for both fire and EMS calls and we are currently operating out of a 2 bay rented garage. Our department is buying a new Tanker/pumper for that area but we do not have any building capable of storing all the trucks needed on the west (Diamond Ridge side). This building is desperately needed in order to provide the medical and fire response to protect the citizens on the west side. It will also help lower the insurance ratings on that side which currently has always been an ISO 10. Please help us fund this much needed project.

Thank You!

Theresa Boyle
Homer, AK

Katie Koester

From: Greg Collins [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 11:37 AM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: Diamond Ridge Station

Katie,

Please let Mr. Seaton know that we are in Dire need of the station on Diamond Ridge. Kachemak Emergency has a new Tanker/Pumper on the way and we need a station to put it in. This will be good for the home owners on the West side of the district as it will lower their ISO rating and improve the response times of Kachemak Emergency services.

Thank You
Greg Collins
P.O. Box [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Homer, AK.
99603
(907) [REDACTED]



Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:44 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Diamond Ridge Funding for Kachemak Emergency Service Area

From: David Bachrach [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:23 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Diamond Ridge Funding for Kachemak Emergency Service Area

Dear Paul,

Please fight for State funding of \$400,000.00 to build a temporary building on the Kachemak Emergency Services Area (KESA) land on Diamond Ridge Road in order to house the new Tanker/Pumper and other equipment for the West Side of the service area.

This is not something nice to have, but rather a necessity to increase public safety and will add value to the community. As a home owner on Diamond Ridge, I can tell we are in need of a fire station in the Diamond ridge area, something I thought would get funded last year.

Thank you in advance for supporting this funding

Regards,

Dave Bachrach
Homer
[REDACTED]

Katie Koester

From: Matthew Schneyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 1:09 PM
To: Katie Koester; Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: KESA Diamond Ridge Station

From: Matt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Homer, Ak 99603

[REDACTED]
Sent: Wed April 13, 2011
To: 'Seaton, Paul (LAA)'; 'Katie Koester'
Subject: Re: KESA Budget Request

Dear Rep. Seaton,

I am writing in support of the funds requested by the Kachemak Emergency Service Area in the amount of \$400,000. It is my very sincere hope that the Legislature will fund this request.

To meet the ISO standards, KESA has ordered and is receiving a new tanker truck, but, lack the space to store it, and that is what the \$400,000 is for. The initial request from the Board was for \$3.5 million, for a full station at lands previously purchased on Diamond Ridge Road, to meet the needs of the west side of our district. However, the Board realized this was perhaps not realistic this year. Therefore the decision was made to build a "garage", located on the KESA land that would become a storage area after the station is built. In the meantime it would be large enough to house all the equipment we need for that area, including the new truck, and, we would no longer require the building we are now renting on Ruth Way, saving the Service Area \$20,000 per year. There are sufficient funds available to do the basic ground work, but not for the building.

Whatever assistance you can get for KESA would be greatly appreciated, especially by our residents, who will see a lowering of their insurance costs when the new truck is housed there.

I am a member of the Kachemak Emergency Fire Dept. I have been a member of HVFD for 24 years and I am an elected member of the KESA fire service area board. We are a new identity as a fire department and are behind the power curve for us to not spend money is not moving forward, we need to have enough equipment and places to house it to responsibly supply fire and emergency service to our new service area. We are in the second year of standing on our own and have met the challenge of providing service to the community. We cover over 200 square miles, to not have equipment spread out over the service area does not meet the needs of the community.

Thank you for considering our request for a equipment storage garage. It will meet the needs of our community

Thank you

Matt Schneyer
Secretary KESA Fire service area board

Katie Koester

From: Maynard Kauffman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton; Katie Koester
Cc: 'Boyle, Steve'; [REDACTED]
Subject: KESA Fire Station

I am writing this note asking you to support funding a temporary building on Diamond Ridge for a Fire Station. I am a Volunteer with both Homer and KESA and have served this community for the last 23 years. This station is needed because the current shop that is being rented for housing the Emergency equipment does not work well for a number of reasons. One is that the existing facility is on a side road that won't work for heavy trucks during spring break up. The shop is located in a residential area and the residents complain when we have to come in at all hours of the day or night for emergency runs. The shop is also not large enough to house the equipment needed to deal with all the emergencies in this area. We are working on getting a pumper/tanker that will help us get a better ISO rating and the truck will not fit in the existing shop and the floor is not strong enough to support the weight of that apparatus.

Your support for this building would be very much appreciated as this community needs a better facility than it currently has available.

Katie Koester

From: Michael Petersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 2:11 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Cc: Katie Koester
Subject: KESA building funding request

Dear Rep. Seaton,

I am writing in support of the funds requested by the Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) board in the amount of \$400,000 for a "garage" to house fire and emergency response equipment (or if you really like the \$3.5 million for a full fire station).

KESA is an up and coming fire department that meets the emergency needs of residents in a large service area. As you well know, KESA has a station located 12 miles out East End Rd that meets the needs of the east side residents of the service area. KESA is lacking in equipment and infrastructure on the west side. The KESA board is in the process of purchasing a tanker/pumper that will be housed on the west side of the service area. KESA owns a piece of property off of Diamond Ridge Road that the garage and future fire station will reside. It is the KESA boards hope as well as the KESA area residents that the state fund this project, which in turn will help in lowering their housing insurance premiums.

I optimistically look forward to your support regarding this funding and your continued support of KESA and its residents.

Thanks,

Mike Petersen
PO Box [REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603
907-[REDACTED]

Katie Koester

From: Shellie Worsfold [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Cc: Katie Koester
Subject: **URGENT** TEMP STATION ON DIAMOND RIDGE
Attachments: image001.gif

Importance: High

Dear Rep. Seaton and Ms. Koester,

I need you to support the State funding of \$400,000.00 to build a temporary building on the Diamond Ridge Road Fire Station in order to house the new Tanker/Pumper and other equipment for the West Side of our service area. As you know this will benefit the residents, like myself, of the Diamond Ridge area with our ISO ratings thus lowering our insurance premiums.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Shellie Worsfold

4th & 5th Grade West Homer Elementary

235-[REDACTED]



Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:34 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Kachemak Emergency Services / Diamond Ridge Fire Station.

From: Betty Cocke' [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:23 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Kachemak Emergency Services / Diamond Ridge Fire Station.

April 13,2011

Dear Paul-

I am sending this in regards to the need for funding for this project. KESA needs this station to improve fire response times and lower ISO ratings. KESA has bought new equipment for the West side of the district, they need to build a station on the property already purchased by the Borough.

The residents of the West side need to be taken care of as well as the East side district. Please help get the funding for this project.

Thank you,

Betty Cocke'
P.O. [REDACTED]
Anchor Point, AK.
99556
(907) [REDACTED]



Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:41 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Kachemack Emergency Services/Diamond Ridge Fire Station

From: David Groesbeck [mailto:david [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Kachemack Emergency Services/Diamond Ridge Fire Station

Dear Representative Seaton,

I am writing to request your support for funding for the KESA/Diamond Ridge, Fire Station Project. My wife and I live in the Diamond Ridge area of Homer and are keenly aware of how far we are from emergency and fire protection services. Building a satellite fire station on the west side is critically needed. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please support any funding initiatives that seek to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

David Groesbeck
[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603

(907) [REDACTED]

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 3:42 PM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: Diamond Ridge Fire Station

From: Olga Amaral [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:56 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Diamond Ridge Fire Station

Dear Rep. Seaton,

Please consider supporting funding for the Kachemak Emergency Diamond Ridge Fire Station. Owning a home that is over 6 miles from the current fire station, I am very concerned about the response time by the current emergency services.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Olga Amaral
67513 Augusta Lane
Homer, AK 99603

[REDACTED]

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 8:55 AM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: KESA Station funding

From: Robert Porter [mailto:robert.porter@legis.ga.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 5:11 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: KESA Station funding

Mr. Seaton, a Diamond ridge station is something that has been needed for a while, and this is the closest that we have been to getting one. I implore you to make this a reality for this area so we may rest a little more at night knowing a fire station is closer than it ever has been.

Sincerely
-Robert Porter

Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: KESA Station Funding

From: Rick Porter [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 5:22 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: KESA Station Funding

Dear Sir;

We are asking you to please appropriate funding for a much needed Diamond Ridge Fire Station. Thank you for your efforts in Juneau on our behalf.

Richard Porter
Nancy Porter



Katie Koester

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 9:19 AM
To: Katie Koester
Subject: FW: FUNDING

-----Original Message-----

From: John Cox [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 5:07 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FUNDING

Dear Mr. Seaton,

Hello, my name is John Cox and I am a Volunteer Firefighter/EMS with Kachemak Emergency Services in Homer, Alaska. I am writing to you in regards to the funding of our Equipment Shed off Diamond Ridge Rd..

The funding for this equipment shed is very much needed as it cuts our response time in case of emergencies, west of Homer. If we lose this funding and have to travel out to the McNeil Canyon Station (Mile 12 East End Rd.) back through town, and then another 8 miles west to Diamond Ridge Rd., there would most likely be a tragedy. If not someone's home that burnt to the ground, but maybe even loss of life. We need this funding and it would help those west of town by lowering their property taxes and would benefit all concerned.

Sincerely,

John Cox