

Phytosanitary Testing Seed Potato Exports to China

FY2012 Request: \$600,000

Reference No: 51550

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Economic Assistance

Category: Development

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2013

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will fund phytosanitary testing of seed potatoes through the University of Alaska Fairbanks plant materials laboratory as required by the negotiated trade protocol with China. This project contributes to the Department's mission of promoting a healthy economy through facilitating increased export.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Gen Fund	\$600,000						\$600,000
Total:	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000

<input 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
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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

See detailed description.

Project Description/Justification:

This project will fund phytosanitary testing of seed potatoes through the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) plant materials laboratory. This testing is required by the negotiated trade protocol with China, and the funding is anticipated to cover costs for FY12 and FY13.

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) will manage the project, serving in a neutral "broker" role between Department of Natural Resources, UAF, and private exporters. DCCED will also collaborate with the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership (AMEP) on numerous aspects of the program including production and testing efficiencies and program sustainability.

This program generated export of 150 tons of seed potatoes and a modest equipment investment of \$35k in FY11. Anticipated investments in FY12 include a large-scale land purchase; development of cold storage facilities, farm equipment purchases, well drilling, and irrigation units totaling approximately \$2.8 million in private capital investment and 250 tons of G5 seed potato exports to China. Contracted production and land lease arrangements will result in cultivation of additional land in the Mat-Su Valley, Delta Junction and Nenana regions.

Future exports are projected to be in the range of 250 tons and 1,250 tons for 2012 and 2013

respectively.

Funding History - State Funding to UAF and Capital Budget

YEAR	AMOUNT
FY11	\$ 250,000
FY10	\$ 12,000
FY06	\$ 150,000
FY05	\$ 100,000
FY04	\$ 120,000
FY03	\$ 165,000
FY02	\$ 200,000
FY01	\$ 120,000
FY00	\$ 120,000
FY99	\$ 70,000
FY98	\$ 100,000
FY97	\$ 100,000
FY96	\$ 100,000
FY95	\$ 120,000