

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Spruce Island Development Corporation****Federal Tax ID: 20-1622649****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Spruce Island Development Corporation - Engineering, Survey and Cost Assessment for Anton Larson Bay Road Extension

State Funding Requested: \$450,000**House District: 36 / R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

This project will identify and survey the route for a road to run approximately 3 miles from the end of the current Anton Larsen Bay road to Kazuyak Bay. It will provide road design as well as float plan and boat launch design and cost estimates for construction.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$550,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$100,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$450,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

This project has received no prior funding. Spruce Island Development Corporation, an non-profit entity formed as a public-private partnership for the benefit of the Community of Ouzinkie has obtained \$100,000 in "in-kind" services from the Ouzinkie Native Corporation for administration and permitting of the project. In addition ONC will transfer ownership of the road right-of-way to the State of Alaska, approximately a \$2,000,000 value.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Anton Larsen Bay road extension is an important project that addresses safety concerns, salt water access needs and recreational opportunities. It represents a partnership between the Ouzinkie Native Corporation and the State of Alaska that will be facilitated through the Ouzinkie non-profit community development entity, Spruce Island Development Corporation.

Access to the Anton Larsen Bay road is needed when Northerly and N.Easterly winds limit boat access to Kodiak around Spruce Cape. In addition, the prevailing Kodiak fog & rain weather pattern comes from the east and North east and, frequently, bush planes cannot land in Kodiak but would have access to the Kazuyak Bay/Anton Larsen Bay area. Currently, ice restricts access to the Anton Larsen Bay road for up to 4-5 months each year. Consequently, if an emergency arises in Ouzinkie or Port Lions and flying is restricted, there is often no alternative access to the Kodiak hospital during the winter.

Year around access to salt water in Kazuyak Bay not only provides significantly improved emergency safety options for Port Lions and Ouzinkie residents, it furthers recreational opportunities for all Kodiak residents. Currently Kodiak residents,

during the winter, are primarily limited to the Kodiak road system for recreation and, on calm days, may be able to skiff around Spruce Cape. A road to Kazuyak Bay provides year-around protected recreational access to State land on the Kupreanoff Peninsula, Afognak and Shuyak Islands. Finally, the road extension will improve economic opportunity. Neither Port Lions or Ouzinkie have grocery stores and all supplies are shipped "air freight". Year around road access will reduce the costs of living in these communities. Also, community residents may be able to commute to jobs in Kodiak and Kodiak residents, sport charter operators for example, may be able to expand their businesses by having winter time salt water access.

This project will undertake a preliminary route survey, a topographical survey and right-of-way identification in conjunction with engineering design and cost estimation for construction of approximately 3 miles of road from the end of the current Anton Larsen Bay road to a small cove on Kazuyak Bay. The project will include design and cost estimation for a float plane landing and boat launch ramp. Once construction funding is obtained, it is anticipated that the Ouzinkie Native Corporation will deed the road right of way to the State of Alaska. (approximately \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000 land value)

Project Timeline:

If funding is obtained in April 2012, the RFP will be developed by June-July 2012, with bid awarded in August-September 2012. It is expected that the project will be done, weather permitting, by January 2013 or, if winter comes early, by July 2013.

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

State of Alaska Highway Department

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