

Alaska Arctic Policy Leadership

FY2016 Request: \$500,000
Reference No: AMD 60745

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Energy
Category: Development
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) **Contact:** Guy Bell
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-3876

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Governor’s Advisor on the Arctic is coordinating the Walker Administration’s efforts relating to implementing the State of Alaska’s arctic policy developed by the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission (AAPC). Funding will be used over the next two to three years to begin implementing the State of Alaska’s arctic policy.

It is in the state’s interest to demonstrate that the State of Alaska is the leader and primary partner in Arctic decision making for the United States, that we bring considerable expertise and resources to the table, and to ensure that state priorities are at the forefront of U.S. and Arctic Council decision-making.

Funding:	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<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 checked="" 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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

No prior funding history.

Project Description/Justification:

This effort is particularly timely as the United States will assume chairmanship of the Arctic Council for two years beginning in April 2015.

More specifically the funding will used to:

- enable closer coordination between the Administration and the State Senate and House Special Committees on Arctic
- cover travel for state officials to participate in the numerous Arctic meetings and symposia over the next two to three years
- enable participation in Senior Arctic Official and Arctic Council Working Group meetings at which national policies are formulated
- establish and coordinate a host committee for Arctic Council activities
- enable participation in activities of the Northern Forum

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- evaluate and set the framework for a public outreach campaign on Arctic issues
- determine whether Alaska should host the Arctic Economic Council Secretariat