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The Honorable Dale Bagley
Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough
144 N. Binkley St.
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RE: Homeland Security Grant Program 2004-GE-T4-0035

Dear Mayor Bagley:

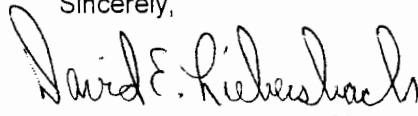
The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) convened an interagency multi-discipline committee to review your FY 2004 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Application. Final allocations were made by this committee and I am pleased to award the Kenai Peninsula Borough the amount of \$113564.31 for the performance period May 5, 2004 through November 30, 2005. Use of these funds must support the goals and objectives stated in the State of Alaska Homeland Security Strategy.

Three of Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP)'s FY 2004 grant programs have been combined into this single grant award: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), and Citizen Corps Program (CCP). The enclosed Budget Detail Worksheets specify expenditures allowed under each program. Any deviation requires prior approval from the DHS&EM Project Manager. Transfer of funds between programs is prohibited. There are no administrative costs eligible with this grant. Whether you are a recipient of one, two or three of these programs under this grant, submit your program reports all at once as a single package to the Project Manager on a quarterly basis. Requests for reimbursements may be submitted at any time.

Enclosed for your signature are three copies of the 2004 Homeland Security Grant Program obligating document. Please sign all three copies, retain one copy, and return two copies with original signatures to: DHS&EM Project Manager Becky Metcalf, P.O. Box 5750, Ft. Richardson, AK 99505. The grant agreement will become effective upon receipt of the two signed original copies.

The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's mission is to provide you with continuous support to achieve your project objectives. Please contact Becky Metcalf at (907) 428-7045 if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,


David E. Liebersbach, Director

cc: Becky Metcalf, DHS&EM Project Manager
Cheryl Ogren, DHS&EM Grants Administrator
Raymond Jeffers

Enclosure: Obligating Document (3 copies)
Budget Detail Worksheet(s)
Attest to Certifications: Lobbying, Debarment etc., and Drug-free Workplace – Appendix A
Narrative Progress Report Form - Appendix B1
Financial Report Form - Appendix B2
Property Inventory Form – Appendix C

Note: All appendixes can be found on our website: www.ak-prepared.com/homelandsecurity

State FY 2004 Citizen Corps Council Grant Application

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

The Kenai Peninsula Borough covers approximately 25,000 square miles, approximately the same size as Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire combined (about half the size of the state of Washington). A fairly well developed road system connects the major towns of Seward, Homer, Soldotna, Kenai, and Anchorage. While Kenai is only 65 air miles from Anchorage, it is 160 miles by highway. The winter population of the Borough is approximately 50,000 people which swells to 150,000 during the summer months. Although the Kenai Peninsula encompasses 99% of the Borough's population and most of the development, there are a number of villages that are accessible by boat and aircraft only.

The transportation system connecting the Kenai Peninsula to the rest of the state is vulnerable to disruption due to terrorist activity or natural events. A single road connects the peninsula to Anchorage- and the communities within the borough- upon which most peninsula commerce depends. This road crosses many bridges, passing through numerous avalanche run-out zones increasing the likelihood of transportation interruption during a disaster. This was, in fact, the case during disasters in 1964 (earthquake), 2000 (avalanche), and 2002 (flood).

The Kenai Peninsula Borough experiences disaster events regularly. Since 2000, there have been three Federally declared disasters within the borough due to avalanches (2000), flooding (2002), and wind (2003). The area is also susceptible to wildfire, volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis.

Given the rural nature of the borough, the limited access to and from most of its communities, a limited response capability, and its extensive history of natural disasters, the borough initiated a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in 2003. Prior to the implementation of CERT, the borough had, through public education and outreach, encouraged self-sufficiency of residents during emergencies. With the implementation of CERT, community groups have developed a limited response capability to supplement public safety responders during emergencies.

In FY 2004, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management accomplished the following using ODP Citizen Corps funding:

- Hired a CERT Coordinator, Ray Jeffers, to oversee the program and assist with instruction.
- Provided training to forty individuals in 3 borough communities on CERT principles.
- Identified and trained 15 CERT instructors representing a broad cross-section of public safety response agencies throughout the borough.
- Provided eighteen CERT class days ranging from 2 ½ to 8 hours each.
- Developed MOU's with three communities (Bear Creek, Anchor Point, and Cooper Landing) for the placement of shipping containers containing disaster relief supplies for CERTs- containers will be placed during the spring season.

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- Established a Citizen Corps Council as a subcommittee of the Kenai Peninsula Borough LEPC.

The fledgling CERT program in the Kenai Peninsula is becoming increasingly popular. The CERT program gives residents confidence through the knowledge and skills acquired during their training. They are ready to assist their families, neighbors and communities with whatever is needed. CERT works together with the Neighborhood Watch program to provide a community with security and resources to stand on their own until help arrives.

The award of the additional funding requested through the State FY2004 application will enable the Kenai Peninsula Borough to achieve the following goals:

1. Train an additional two hundred CERT members and expand program to include training CERT teams in local high schools.
2. Conduct CERT training in Russian and Native villages in the South Peninsula Area and across Cook Inlet. These villages are the most isolated in the borough.
3. Create a partnership with local amateur radio operators to provide CERT training for them. HAM's would serve as the emergency and non-emergency communication for the CERTs with the goal of having at least one radio operator per team.
4. Provide continuing education and training for the CERTs who have already been trained. Ongoing training is paramount if the teams are to be kept active and vital. CERTs have requested additional medical training and search and rescue training. CERTs could be used to assist the State Troopers with searching for lost, missing, or injured persons.
5. Develop a Community Watch program in high crime rural areas. Each CW participant will receive CERT training in addition to basic law enforcement and communications training. The Community Watch program will be co-sponsored by the Alaska State Troopers.
6. Continue to provide basic safety equipment, rescue gear, and disaster relief supplies for use by CERT team members.
7. Update the present CERT Program PowerPoint training aids to make them more "Kenai Peninsula Borough" or "Alaska" specific. This would make the training more pertinent to the participants as they see familiar locations and people.