

STATE OF ALASKA

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September 12, 2008

The Honorable John J. Williams
Mayor
Kenai Peninsula Borough
144 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

RE: 2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant, 2007-GS-H7-0025
State Grant No.: 07PSIC-GR34037

Dear Mayor Williams:

The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) is pleased to award the Kenai Peninsula Borough the amount of \$218,110.00 under the 2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant (PSIC) for the performance period of September 15, 2008 through March 31, 2010.

Federal funding from this program was provided to public safety entities. The intent was to enhance the ability of local governments, tribal and non-governmental organizations to achieve meaningful and measurable interoperability improvements for public safety communications that includes multiple agencies and regional jurisdictions.

To receive these federal funds, the State of Alaska was required to develop a State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). One of the primary goals of the SCIP and Alaska's PSIC grant guidelines was the emphasis on the funding the un-served and underserved communities of Alaska. The objective was to focus funding specifically on those communities and agencies that had not been funded from past interoperable communications investments including volunteer staffed agencies such as volunteer fire departments. The goal was also to empower communities to build internal and regional interoperability using technology appropriate to each community and organization in terms of complexity and cost. In order to facilitate this process, the State of Alaska committed to paying the 20 percent match requirement for this grant.

All applications were evaluated by a DHS&EM internal review committee to ensure that all application requirements had been met. A voluntary interagency external review committee met on May 21, 2008. They reviewed all eligible projects and recommended actual award allocation amounts. The committee followed the intent of the PSIC grant guidelines for Alaska and ultimately, every entity that applied received some funding.

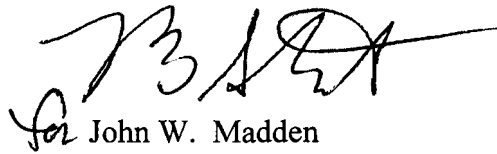
Mayor Williams
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Attached are two pre-signed grant awards, please review the information for accuracy and if applicable, review the Special Conditions in Box 11. Please sign the obligating documents, keep one original for your records and return the other original within 30 days to:

Roberta Carney
State Administrative Agency (SAA) Point of Contact
P.O. Box 5750
Fort Richardson, AK 99505

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Kathy Day, DHS&EM project manager for this grant, at 907-428-7138, toll-free at 800-478-2337 or by email at kathy.day@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



for John W. Madden
Director

jwm:kmd:tdp

Enclosures: Grant Award (two copies)
Budget Detail
Signatory Authority Form
Electronic Form (if applicable)
EHP Statement of Work
Intent to Accept Award
Property and Equipment Inventory Report (if applicable)



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**Obligating Award Document for
2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant**

U.S. Department of Commerce

2007 Federal Grant No. 2007-GS-H7-0025 CFDA No. 11.555

1. State Grant No. 07PSIC-GR34037	2. Recipient Kenai Peninsula Borough	3. Award <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment # ___	4. Employer Tax ID # 92-0030894
5. Recipient Address Kenai Peninsula Borough 144 North Binkley Street Soldotna, AK 99669		6. Issuing Office and Address Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management P.O. Box 5750 Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505-5750 www.ak-prepared.com/grants.htm	
7. Effective Date of This Action September 15, 2008		8. Method of Payment: Electronic	
9. Grant Award and Terms and Conditions: (see attached Grant Terms and Conditions) Total Awarded Amount: \$218,110.00 Equipment: \$185,940.00 Exercise: \$ 0.00 Planning: \$6,240.00 Training: \$25,930.00 Grant Performance Period: September 15, 2008 through March 31, 2010 For State Use Only: CC # 9297751 File No. # 16.13c11			
10. Grant Requirements, Assurances and Agreements: (see attached Grant Requirements, Assurances and Agreements) The acceptance of a grant from the United States creates a legal duty on the part of the grantee to use the funds or property made available in accordance with the conditions of the grant. [GAO Accounting Principles and Standards for Federal Agencies, Chapter 2, Section 16.8(c)]			
11. Special Conditions: Grant funds cannot be expended until these conditions have been met. None			
12. Recipient is required to sign and return one (1) copy of this document with the terms and conditions to the issuing address in Block 6, within 30 days from the date in Block 17.			
14. Signature of Jurisdiction Project Manager Printed Name: Mark Beals		Date <u>9/24/08</u> Phone: 907-224-6345 Fax: 907-224-3344 Email: bearcreek@seward.net	
15. Signature of Jurisdiction Chief Financial Officer Printed Name: Craig C. Chapman		Date _____ Phone: 907-714-2170 Fax: 907-714-2376 Email: cchapman@borough.kenai.ak.us	
16. Signature of Jurisdiction Signatory Official Printed Name and Title: John J. Williams, Mayor		Date _____ Phone: 907-714-2150 Fax: 907-714-2377 Email: jwilliams@borough.kenai.ak.us	
17. DHS&EM Signatory Official John W. Madden, Director		Date <u>9/11/08</u>	



Bear Creek Fire & EMS Incorporated

PO Box 1565

Mile 5.5 Seward Highway

Seward, AK 99664

Phone: (907) 224-3345 Fax: (907) 224-3344 Email: bearcreek@seward.net

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

PSIC Application

Attention: Jim King, Grants Administrator

P.O. Box 5750

Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505

Mr. King,

I am pleased to present the FY 2008 Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant for the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) on behalf of Bear Creek Fire Department and the emergency responders of Hope, Cooper Landing, Moose Pass, Seward and Lowell Point.

The Fire/EMS agencies that serve Eastern Kenai Peninsula involved in this request are: Lowell Point Emergency Services, Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Moose Pass Fire Company, Hope/Sunrise EMS and fire and Cooper Landing Emergency Services. Together the departments provide services to the communities along a 75 mile corridor of the Seward Highway and 28 miles of the Sterling Highway.

In order to aid in interagency communications, we are working together to develop a communication plan along with a set of Standard Operating Procedures. We also plan to complete NIMS compliance training for volunteer agencies with instructor led classes that will be completed by September 30th, 2008.

The Bear Creek Fire Service Area in cooperation and coordination with other Emergency Services on the Eastern Kenai Peninsula proposes to purchase state-of-the-art narrowband, P-25 compliant VHF LMR portable, and mobile subscriber equipment along with paging receivers for volunteers. Subscriber unit will be conventional analog and digital narrowband technology as required for operability and interoperability.

We are proud to submit this coordinated package of requests and encourage each program request be considered priorities for this program. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Beals, Fire Chief
Bear Creek Fire Department

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD

State Grant No: 07PSIC-GR34037

Kenai Peninsula Borough
144 N. Binkley
Soldotna, AK 99669

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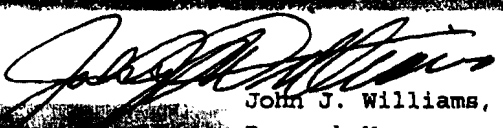
This is notice of the Kenai Peninsula Borough intent to accept the 07 PSIC
(Jurisdiction Name)
Grant. Before this award can be accepted, approval must be garnered through our local government. The requirement for this process is located in the following local government document - KPB Code
(Document name or number)
citation # 1.12.010. This process will take longer than the 30-day period of acceptance setforth
(If applicable)
within this grant award. We request a 19 day extension of the acceptance period to seek proper
(# of days)
approval. It is understood if we are unable to obtain acceptance by the extension date the grant award will be rescinded.

If approved, you will receive written notification within five working days.

Phone: (907) 714-2150

Fax: (907) 714-2377

9-22-08


John J. Williams,
Borough Mayor

Email: jwilliams@borough.kenai.ak.us

APPROVED Date: 9/25/08
