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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
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The Honorable Robert Bennett  
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Dear Chairman Inouye, Ranking Member Cochran, Chairman Dorgan, and Ranking Member Bennett:

As you prepare the FY10 Energy and Water Development funding bill, I respectfully request that you include funding for the following projects in my state:

**Project:** Valdez Small Boat Harbor

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Valdez, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE – General Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funds would be used for Preconstruction, Engineering, and Design of a 320 slip harbor and required upland infrastructure in Valdez, Alaska. This project was authorized through the 2007 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). To date, more than \$7.5 million in state and local funding has been dedicated to this project.

**Project:** Petersburg, AK North Harbor

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Petersburg, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE – Operations and Maintenance

**Purpose:** These funds would finance the harbor dredging necessary to allow the aging concrete float system to be replaced. Petersburg's North Harbor was originally constructed in 1937 using all timber construction. Subsequent phases of construction were completed in the 1960s with the adoption of concrete floats, the components of which have exceeded their design life. The City has secured a total of \$8.5 million between the city, state, and Denali Commission funding to pay for replacement of the floats, but before the float system can be replaced, a substantial portion of the harbor area must be dredged. The

North Harbor improvements are critical to stabilizing Petersburg's marine economy. This project would promote safe maritime navigation, tourism, interstate commerce, and improved access of fishing vessels to Federally-managed fisheries.

**Project:** Unalaska, AK Boat Harbor

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Unalaska, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - General Construction

**Purpose:** These funds would enable the completion of a new harbor to replace Dutch Harbor, the number one seafood port in the United States by volume, which has far exceeded its capacity due to expansion and rationalization of groundfish, crab and other fish species in the Bering Sea. This project was authorized in 2004 through the FY 2005 Defense Authorization Act. The project is now in its construction phase, and additional funds are needed for its completion. This project would promote safe navigation, interstate commerce, and improved access to federally-managed fisheries.

**Project:** Dillingham North Bulkhead Extension

**Amount Requested:** \$750,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Dillingham, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - General Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funds are needed to extend a Dillingham Harbor bulkhead 200 feet in order to prevent erosion and provide additional cargo loading area for users of the harbor. Dillingham Harbor is the only harbor in Bristol Bay, which is the home of the world's largest salmon fishery. This project is essential for stopping erosion on the north end of the harbor, which increasingly threatens the only road leading out of the Dillingham townsite. Design and permitting of this project is complete.

**Project:** Whittier Harbor Development Project Feasibility Study

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Whittier, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - General Investigations

**Purpose:** These funds would be used to conduct a feasibility study for a harbor development project that is needed to address significant overcrowding and deterioration of the current harbor facilities, including the float system, access trestles and gangways, and boat ramps. The existing harbor has room for 360 small recreational and commercial vessels, which is inadequate for current and future demand. This project was authorized by Congress in the 2007 WRDA. Whittier and the Corps of Engineers entered into a project study plan and cost share agreement on June 2007 to conduct the navigation improvements feasibility study.

**Project:** St. George Harbor

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of St. George, AK

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Requested Bill Language:** "Provided Further, that the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to use \$1 million of the funds appropriated herein to initiate the planning, design and construction of the harbor at St. George, Alaska, including such engineering as is necessary for safe navigation. If the Secretary determines that the harbor at St. George is, or can be made, suitable as a harbor of refuge, the completion shall be at full Federal expense".

**Purpose:** The requested bill language and funds would allow for the initiation of engineering and construction of harbor improvements in St. George, Alaska. St. George is in the middle of the Central Bering Sea, the location of one of the largest commercial fisheries in the world. These improvements are needed for St. George to be a viable harbor of refuge – something that is critical for the entire region.

**Project:** Humpback Creek Hydroelectric Reconstruction

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Cordova Electric Cooperative, Cordova, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE - EERE

**Purpose:** These funds would finance the reconstruction of a damaged hydroelectric project (Humpback Creek, FERC # P-8889), which was destroyed in a flood. FEMA funds and a state grant are not adequate to completely restore the project to service. This project directly offsets the use of diesel fuel, which reduces air emissions, improves air quality, reduces the high cost of electricity, reduces reliance on foreign fuel, and provides the energy necessary to sustain the local economy.

**Project:** Expansion to Maximum Capacity of the Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE - EERE

**Purpose:** These funds would help construct a new power tunnel and powerhouse containing an 8 megawatt third turbine generator at the Blue Lake Hydroelectric Power Project. This project is currently estimated at \$50 million, with the City and Borough of Sitka paying 50 percent of the cost and the State matching \$12.5 million. The combination of the new powerhouse and raising the existing dam by 83 feet could increase the average power production capability by as much as 29 percent. This project would maintain an efficient, clean, renewable, and non-carbon emitting hydroelectric system.

**Project:** Southwest Alaska Regional Geothermal Energy Project

**Amount Requested:** \$2,200,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Naknek Electric Association, Naknek, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE - EERE

**Purpose:** These funds would help finance the drilling of an exploratory geothermal deep well, which is necessary to determine the feasibility of constructing a utility grade, geothermal electric generation plant with 25 MW of district heating capacity. The plant and phased interconnection will serve 25 remote, off-the-grid communities in Southwest Alaska. The project will significantly increase economies of scale and replace the diesel currently used for electric generation and home heating.

**Project:** Alaska Climate Center

**Amount Requested:** \$3,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE - Science

**Purpose:** These funds would help finance the construction of an Alaska Climate Center that would conduct research into climate- and weather- related changes in Alaska as well as create a central location for the federal government, state, and the private sector to access information relevant to Arctic Climate Change. Our state and local governments are already facing challenges from a changing climate. Planning for future adaptation requires an accurate understanding of the likely environmental changes and the impact of those changes on the ecosystem, infrastructure, and individuals in the Arctic.

**Project:** Barrow Global Climate Change Research Facility

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** BTS Professional Services LLC, Anchorage, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE - Science

**Purpose:** These funds would provide for the completion of the Phase II facility design and construction of the gravel foundation for a climate change research facility in Barrow, Alaska. Permitting and a Finding of No Significant Impact statement have already been acquired. The Research Facility concept has been in development for several years under the leadership of the Congress and the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium (BASC). The collection of accurate climate change-related data from the farthest north city in America, a city which is impacted by climate change earlier than more southern latitudes, is essential to an informed national debate over climate change and its impacts. BTS Professional Services is a subsidiary of Ukpéagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC).

**Project:** Denali Commission Energy Funding

**Amount Requested:** \$25,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:**

**Agency, Account:** Denali Commission

**Purpose:** \$25 million is sought to continue the Denali Commission's energy program. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Sect. 356, PL 109-58) authorizes \$55 million annually for the Denali Commission to replace and cleanup aging fuel tanks, improve the efficiency of energy generation and transmission systems, help install renewable energy generation, conduct research on new technology, and further coal gasification development in Alaska – a State that leads the nation in potential coal reserves. Patterned on the Appalachian Commission, the Denali Commission has done more in the past 10 years to improve electricity generation in Alaska's rural areas than had been accomplished by other Federal or state agencies in the 50 years since statehood. Since 1999, it has provided more than \$420 million in energy aid, with an administrative overhead of about three percent. The State of Alaska is increasingly matching the federal expenditures, with the State in just the past four years having contributed \$490 million toward the same or similar projects.

**Project:** Funding to implement Sec. 803 EISA, Renewable Energy Deployment Grant Fund

**Amount Requested:** \$23,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:**

**Agency, Account:** DOE

**Purpose:** In Section 803 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (PL 110-140), Congress authorized the DOE to provide grants of up to 50 percent for renewable energy projects in Alaska, including solar, wind, geothermal, ocean or river hydrokinetic, small hydropower without dams, and biomass projects. The average cost of diesel-fired generation currently stands at 65 cents per kilowatt hour in rural Alaska – eight times the national average – with some villages having paid up to \$1.10 per kilowatt hour for generation in spring 2009. Implementation of Sect. 803 of EISA would allow dozens of villages to obtain aid to offset the high initial installation cost of renewable energy generation in a state with high construction costs, low economies of scale in energy generation, non-existent power transmission systems throughout most of the state, and high per-capita energy consumption due to the Arctic winter climate.

**Project:** Arctic Energy Office, DOE

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Arctic Energy Office, AK

**Agency, Account:** DOE – Fossil Energy R & D

**Purpose:** \$5,000,000 is sought for the Department of Energy's Office of Arctic Energy. The Office of Arctic Energy (OAE) was created by DOE's Fossil Fuel Program in FY 2001. The Office is pending reauthorization at a higher funding level of up to \$22.5 million by FY12 in the Senate energy bill now undergoing markup. The requested funding would support the Office of Arctic Energy's ongoing work in the areas of renewable energy technology assessment and deployment and methane hydrate. The United States leads the world in hydrate resources.

**Project:** Coastal Erosion authorization language

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Coastal communities in Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE

**Requested Bill Language:**

"Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 117 of Division C of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8) is amended by striking it in its entirety and inserting the following language in lieu thereof:

Section 117 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2005, as contained in Division C of Pub. L. 108-447 [118 Stat. 2944-2945] is modified by—

(1) striking "including relocation of affected communities and construction of replacement facilities,";

(2) inserting the following language immediately after the phrase "ice and glacial damage in Alaska,": "in those communities that are geographically isolated or in which 50 percent of the population has an income level that is below the poverty level";

(3) inserting "(a)" immediately before the phrase "Notwithstanding any other provision of law;

(4) striking ", at full Federal expense,"; and

(5) inserting the following new subsections at the end thereof: "(b) The non-Federal share of the cost of a project carried out pursuant to subsection (a) shall not exceed 10% of the total cost of the project. (c) The Secretary of the Army shall waive local cost-sharing requirements up to \$200,000 for all studies and projects in any community to which subsection (b) of this section applies.'."

**Purpose:** The requested language would reinstate Corps authority to undertake structural and non-structural projects for storm damage prevention and reduction, coastal erosion, and ice and glacial damage in Alaska. It would also establish a cost sharing requirement.

**Project:** Haines, AK Boat Harbor

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Haines Borough, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funding is needed to help construct a new harbor in Haines, Alaska, to replace a severely overcrowded harbor that cannot accommodate larger vessels. The current harbor configuration exposes vessels to heavy winds from the south, causing reduced maneuverability and damage to the vessels and harbor infrastructure. The Corps has agreed with the need for a new harbor, issuing a Chief of Engineers Report to the Congress in 2004 recommending that the project move forward. Subsequently, the Haines boat harbor project was authorized through the 2007 Water Resources Development Act. The project will support the community's access to Federal fisheries and promote interstate commerce, tourism, and promote safe and efficient maritime navigation. It is critical for Haines' long-term economic prospects and the needs of the maritime community that the new harbor be built.

**Project:** Kodiak, AK Boat Harbors Entrance Dredging

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Kodiak, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE – Operations and Maintenance

**Purpose:** These funds would pay for dredging necessary to ensure that the two harbors in Kodiak, Alaska have adequate channel entrance width. In 1997, the Corps completed a breakwater to protect Kodiak's St. Herman Harbor. The south (primary) channel of this new harbor has residual rubble from the construction period that needs to be dredged and cleaned out in order to allow the channel entrance to be the width and depth intended by the original project design. Additionally, the community's other harbor, St. Paul Harbor, has experienced bottom rebound since the 1964 earthquake that is impeding access through the entrance channel into the harbor. The Corps indicated that it needed a modification to the original project authorization before funding could be released. The latest WRDA Reauthorization contains language (Section 5033) directing the Corps on an emergency basis to remove the rubble/rock in the entrance channels to both harbors.

**Project:** Kotzebue, AK Small Boat Harbor

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Kotzebue, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Investigations

**Purpose:** The requested funding is needed to continue a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a small boat harbor in Kotzebue to accommodate boat and subsistence users displaced from the "Shore Avenue Project," an erosion control project. The project proposes to expand the use of Swan Lake to meet this need, by providing adequate mooring and docking facilities for displaced Shore Avenue users and for the Borough residents whose primary transportation during summer months is by small boats. The Small Boat Harbor project will include the dredging of a portion of Swan Lake. Dredged materials will be used as fill for expanding the Swan Lake facility, and a boat ramp will also be built. Kotzebue is the regional transportation hub for the Northwest Arctic Borough, which services an area approximately 36,000 square miles. Native subsistence is a very high priority for Kotzebue residents and a major contributor to its economy. Small boats that are harbored on Swan Lake, a 10-acre boat dock and mooring area, play a large role for subsistence gathering.

**Project:** Bethel River Bank Stabilization Project - Phase II

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Bethel, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funds are needed to continue the repair of a 1,200 ft. section of seawall protecting Bethel from the Kuskokwim River. Steel tiebacks, which connect the pipe piles to anchors, are corroded and in need of replacement. The Army Corps of Engineers revealed in its Letter Report that the pipe piles have received severe scour from the Kuskokwim River to the point of threatening to cause the seawall to collapse if not repaired. The Corps of Engineers orchestrated the purchase, delivery, and deposit of rocks to the base of the seawall during the summer of 2007. The deposit of rocks represented the completion of Phase 1 of the River Bank Stabilization Project.

**Project:** Akutan, AK Harbor

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Akutan, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** These funds would enable construction of a harbor in Akutan, Alaska. Akutan is one of the largest seafood ports in the country, but it has no harbor. During fishing seasons vessels are forced to jog in place in the bay by anchoring with engines running. These boats take a beating, and are at risk of running aground and creating environmental hazards during the frequent periods of extreme weather.

**Project:** Seward, AK East Harbor Breakwater

**Amount Requested:** \$3,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Seward, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funding would be used to extend the East Harbor breakwater in Seward, Alaska. After authorization through WRDA in 1999, a breakwater for the City of Seward's boat harbor was designed and constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Construction of the breakwater was completed in FY05. A number of subsequent inclement weather events revealed that the new breakwater did not adequately protect boats in the harbor. After examining the impact of heavy wave action in the harbor, the Corps acknowledged responsibility for an engineering design error. A subsequent engineering assessment by the Corps identified extension of the outer breakwater by 215 feet as the most cost-effective and technically-viable solution. The Congress recently approved a WRDA project modification authorization to correct the problem and extend the breakwater. The Corps estimates the cost of the extension at \$3 million.

**Project:** Kenai River Bluff Erosion Stabilization

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** City of Kenai, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Investigations

**Requested Bill Language:** "The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized to design and construct a project for the reduction of erosion and coastal storm damage at Kenai, Alaska."

**Purpose:** The requested bill language and funds would provide for the construction of a bluff stabilization structure that will be one mile in length and will stabilize the 100 ft. high bluff. Preliminary designs by the US Army Corps of Engineers include rip-rap at the toe of the slope to withstand tidal and river currents, drainage improvements, regrading existing slopes, and revegetation. The ongoing erosion has and will continue to result in the loss of capital investment; property values; city infrastructure, including streets and utilities; homes and commercial buildings; archeological resources of the Kenaitze Indians; and historical and cultural structures such as the Russian Orthodox Church in Old Town Kenai.

**Project:** AVEC Renewable Energy Expansion Program

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC), Anchorage, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE - EERE

**Purpose:** This request would fund the installation of wind turbines and transmission interties in a portion of the 53 rural Alaskan villages serviced by AVEC, thereby reducing the region's consumption of diesel fuel. AVEC expects to reduce its diesel fuel consumption by as much as 1.14 million gallons, which will result in significant cost savings for its membership. Alaska currently experiences the highest energy costs in the nation, and nowhere is this more pronounced than in the rural communities served by AVEC.

**Project:** Carbon Capture, Storage, and Enhanced Oil Recovery

**Amount Requested:** \$3,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE - Fossil Energy R & D

**Purpose:** The requested funds would be used to conduct a study on the possibility of building a pipeline to move carbon dioxide from Fairbanks to Alaska's North Slope for geologic sequestration and to aid in enhanced oil and gas recovery on Alaska's North Slope. The grant would be used to study technical issues, conduct engineering work, and study the economic feasibility of a CO2 pipeline and associated project to produce and capture the CO2 to reduce carbon emissions in Southcentral Alaska.

**Project:** Black Lake Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Lake and Peninsula Borough, AK

**Agency, Account:** ACOE – Continuing Authorities Programs (Section 103)

**Purpose:** The requested funds would pay for a Corps study to determine the causes of the dewatering of Black Lake, a lake that leads to crucial salmon spawning habitat for much of the Gulf of Alaska and Southwest Alaska. Over the last 40 years, Black Lake has lost nearly half its volume, negatively impacting sockeye salmon rearing habitats. If this salmon producing system is lost, it will severely harm the economy of the entire region, the culture of the local natives, subsistence food sources, and will negatively impact many marine mammals and other wildlife dependent on a healthy Black Lake system.

**Project:** Deering Erosion Control

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Northwest Arctic Borough, AK

**Agency, Account:** ACOE – Construction, Continuing Authorities Program

**Purpose:** The requested funds would be used for erosion control through the continuing authorities program.

**Project:** Kivalina Shoreline Protection and Rock Revetment Project

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:**

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funding would be used to construct a 2,000 ft. rock revetment erosion control barrier along Kivalina's island perimeter.

**Project:** Cordova Breakwater Extension

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:**

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** In 2007, the Denali Commission awarded \$200,000 and signed an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to complete engineering for a breakwater improvement design that provides additional protection for the Cordova Small Boat Harbor. The design phase of the project has been completed by the Corps. The requested funding would be used for the construction phase of the project.

**Project:** Ahtna Wood Pellet Plant

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Ahtna, Inc. (an Alaska Native Corporation)

**Agency, Account:** DOE - EERE

**Purpose:** The requested funds would be used to construct a wood pellet facility that will manufacture roughly 35,000 dry tons of standard and premium wood pellets and wood briquettes per year to be used as fuel. This project would displace approximately 4.3 million gallons of diesel fuel. Using preliminary project models and current fuel oil prices, it is estimated that this project would represent a savings to road accessible consumers of between 30-50 percent from current fuel expenditures. In addition, the Ahtna Wood Pellet Facility will also provide electrical power generation for use in the plant with excess power (estimated to be of 1-2 MW) distributed within the existing electrical utility power lines.

**Project:** Nuvista Alternative Energy / Regional Wind Energy and Smart Grid

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Association of Village Council Presidents and Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** DOE – Energy

**Purpose:** This request would provide funding to install wind-diesel turbines and “smart grid” technology in at least seven village communities of the Yukon Kuskokwim region. The “smart grid” technology would provide an energy storage system to help the villages’ electric power grid handle new power generation from the wind energy project. The project will use lithium-ion batteries and superconductor power transistors to manage the load on the electricity distribution network and overcome voltage support problems. Energy produced when demand is low can be stored in the system to be used at times of peak demand.

**Project:** Atka Harbor Feasibility Study

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Atka, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE – Recon

**Purpose:** Atka is an important seafood harvesting and processing location. The harbor is necessary for the local fishing vessels as well as transient vessels that will sell their seafood in the community and need somewhere to tie their boats up. The harbor will eventually be part of a network of inter-connected and inter-dependent harbors in and around the Bering Sea, the site of some of the most productive fisheries in the United States and the world. Non-federal match is obtained and available.

**Project:** Homer – East Boat Harbor Feasibility Study and Design

**Amount Requested:** \$400,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Homer, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Investigations

**Purpose:** In 2004, the Army Corps of Engineers determined that there is a federal interest in constructing a new boat harbor in Homer, Alaska. The requested funding would be used to complete all preconstruction work for this important project. The proposed new harbor would accommodate large commercial vessels that are currently congesting the harbor; enable Homer to moor up to 60 large commercial vessels that potentially would use Homer Harbor as a home port, but which have in the past been turned away due to lack of space; and provide a long-term solution to the mooring and security problems faced by United States Coast Guard ships home-ported in Homer.

**Project:** Sitka Harbor and Breakwater Upgrade

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Sitka Harbor, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funding would be used to upgrade the Sitka Harbor breakwater to correct design deficiencies, stresses, and unsafe conditions. This project will reduce waves from entering Sitka harbor from the west. The project is crucial to stop wave damage from occurring to existing harbor floats and moorings.

**Project:** Thorne Bay, Alaska – Davidson Landing Harbor Construction

**Amount Requested:** \$377,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Thorne Bay, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** Phases I and II have been fully funded and will be completed in the summer of 2009. The requested funding would be used to finance the last phase of project.

**Project:** Skagway Small Boat Harbor Renovations

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Skagway, Alaska

**Agency, Account:** ACOE - Construction

**Purpose:** The requested funding would be used to renovate Skagway's small boat harbor by replacing the existing floating docks and extending the existing mooring system. The Municipality is planning to construct a wave barrier breakwater to protect the mooring basin this summer. The renovation project is fully permitted and ready for construction.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have posted a description of the items requested on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator