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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and  
General Government  
United States Senate

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services and  
General Government  
United States Senate

Dear Chairman Inouye, Ranking Member Cochran, Chairman Durbin, and Ranking Member Collins:

As you prepare the FY10 Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill, I request that you include funding for the following projects in my state:

**Project:** AMBIT Youth Entrepreneurship Curriculum

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

**Recipients(s)/Location:** Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership (AMEP); Anchorage, AK

**Agency, Account:** Small Business Administration

**Purpose:** The Alaska Manufacturing Business Industry & Technology (AMBIT) Program aims to shorten the geographic distances between small manufacturers and customers using technology. The requested funds would support the development of curriculum to train high school students in the latest web-based ecommerce strategies. Alaskan youth will learn to market Alaska created products and services to a worldwide market. High school students will learn skills in personal finance, banking, and basic business management. AMBIT's youth curriculum will enhance youth work readiness and help students to succeed in future small business ventures. The curriculum will be certified to meet both the Alaska School Standard and the Alaska Native Knowledge Network for Culturally Relevant Curriculum.

**Project:** Ketchikan Small Business Development Center

**Amount Requested:** \$300,000

**Recipients(s)/Location:** University of Alaska, Anchorage; Ketchikan, AK

**Agency, Account:** Small Business Administration

**Purpose:** For twenty years the Alaska Small Business Development Center (SBDC), hosted by the University of Alaska and funded in part by the Small Business Administration, has assisted businesses by providing technical assistance and low-cost business training. The requested funding would allow the Alaska SBDC to open a center in Ketchikan, Alaska, helping the SBDC to expand its outreach and

services in rural areas. The funding would used to pay for staffing. Space for the center has been donated by the local Chamber of Commerce. Expanding the SDBC to Ketchikan would help bring about economic diversification in a region that is still struggling amid the decline of the timber industry. Project success will be judged based on the number of extended engagement clients; capital infusion (how much capital clients draw toward their projects/business); the number of business starts; the number of jobs created; and the number of business closures avoided.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of my requests. I look forward to working with you as the Committee develops this bill. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth McDonnell from my staff by phone at (202) 224-9306 (direct) or via email at [elizabeth\\_mcdonnell@murkowski.senate.gov](mailto:elizabeth_mcdonnell@murkowski.senate.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Murkowski".

Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator