Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport: Emergency FY2010 Request: \$10,000,000 Operations Center / Airport Communication Center Reference No: 47831

AP/AL: Allocation Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014

Appropriation: Airport Improvement Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project consists of the reconstruction of existing airport building space to create a new Airport Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 911 Dispatch Office, Airport Communications Center and offices for operations staff. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage and by improving the mobility of people and goods.

Funding:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014 F	Y2015	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$10,000,000						\$10,000,000
Total:	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
State Match Required One-Time Project Phased - new 0% = Minimum State Match % Required Amendment					Phased - underway Mental Health Bill	□ Or	n-Going
Operating & Maintenance Costs: Project Development: Ongoing Operating: One-Time Startup:				erating:	Amount 0 0 0		Staff 0 0
Totals:					0		0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2002 - \$14,500,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The complex will include an area for emergency control and communications to effectively support crisis management teams from Federal, State, Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and other agencies during an airport or area wide emergency. Airport communications will be controlled from this facility. The Dispatch facilities, currently located in the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) building, and the Airport Communications Center will be located here to centralize all airport communications.

The project is needed to provide a centralized airport communications and operations facility and to update antiquated facilities in the 911 Dispatch and replace the existing EOC that is currently a marginally-functional, converted training room with limited and outdated equipment. Upgrading equipment in these facilities has been delayed for many years anticipating this project. During a FBI hijack exercise in September 1999, the FBI noted numerous space and equipment deficiencies in the EOC. The Airport Security Consortium also previously highlighted this deficiency as a security concern.

The combining of all of these facilities in one centralized location will provide airport operations and crisis managers with the nearby resources and information needed to coordinate requirements, Federal support, and critical information and make timely decisions related to emergencies and day-

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to-day airport operations. It will contain extensive emergency response information systems and communications equipment as well as surveillance monitors. Further, it will provide access to automated management systems, support organizations and other Federal, State, and city emergency management centers. It will be available on short notice for emergency responses during weather emergencies, natural disasters, airfield incidents (both operational and security), hijackings or other crisis situations. This project will greatly add to the safety and security of the traveling public and Airport safety on a long-term impact basis.