

Agency: University of Alaska**Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

UAA - Community Sports Arena

State Funding Requested: \$34,000,000
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)****Brief Project Description:**

UAA Sports Arena completion funding

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$109,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$75,000,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$34,000,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

*Funding Details:**FY09 Capital Budget \$15 million for planning and design**FY11 GO Bond \$60 million***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The approved project scope included in the original Formal Project Approval, approved by the Board of Regents in February 2009 envisioned a 130,000gsf, 3,500 seat arena. Further project analysis during design development has established a requirement for a 196,000gsf, 5,600 seat arena. The larger building, sized for the next 50 years of growth in Southcentral Alaska, will house a 5,600-seat capacity performance gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, graduations, and university/community concerts/events; a practice and performance gym for the gymnastics program; multiple court auxiliary gym for recreation, intramurals, dances, and concerts; support space consisting of a fitness and training room, administration and coaches offices, laundry facilities, A/V production, and locker and team rooms for basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, skiing, track and cross country programs. The project will include approximately 1,000 surface parking spaces. Through the use of existing UAA parking and a partnership with Providence Alaska Medical Center, adequate parking spaces will be available within a 6-minute walk, for major spectator events. Additional parking is available nearby as well as shuttle capability from adjacent university parking. UAA's transportation consultant, Kittelson & Associates, is confident there is adequate parking and, if recommendations for traffic flow are implemented, there will be minimal event traffic problems. The construction of Health Drive between Wellness and Elmore will ultimately improve traffic flow at surrounding intersections even with a 5,600-seat arena.

This arena project does not include an on-campus performance ice rink component. The on-campus practice rink in WFSC will be replaced and upgraded to a state-of-the art practice facility as part of the WFSC renovation. UAA, as the anchor tenant of the city-owned Sullivan Arena, is actively supporting a municipality initiative to upgrade the Sullivan Arena—including improved parking, locker rooms, media and sponsor suites.

Schedule for Completion:

DESIGN

Conceptual Design: Complete

2011 Legislature

TPS Report 56879v1

Formal Project Approval: Feb 2009
 Schematic Design: June 2009
 Limited Schematic Design Approval: June 2009
 UAA Presentation to FLMC Working Group: March 2009
 Voters approve \$60 Million GO Bond: Nov 2010
 Authorization to update Schematic Design: June 2011
 Schematic Design Approval: Sept 2011
 Site Preparation Approval: Sept 2011
 Design Development: Sept 2011 to March 2012
 Construction Documents: April 2012 to June 2012

CONTSTRUCTOR SELECTION (CMAR)

Advertise and Bid: Oct 2011
 Selection Construction Contractor: Dec 2011

CONSTRUCTION

Site Preparation: Sept 2011
 Start of Construction: June 2012
 Substantial Completion: July 2014
 Beneficial Occupancy: August 2014

Project Timeline:

FY12-FY14

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Universtiy of Alaska Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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Mayor Dan Sullivan

February 16, 2011

Chancellor Fran Ulmer
University of Alaska Anchorage
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Re: Letter of Support for UAA Sports Arena

Dear Chancellor,

I am pleased to support the proposed University of Alaska Anchorage Sports Arena Project.

As you are well aware, UAA has the smallest on-campus athletic facility in the Great Northwest Conference, despite having the second-largest enrollment of the 10 universities. This must be remedied. The new arena will fill the niche of a much-needed venue for conferences, training events, assemblies, concerts, rallies, and, of course, athletics.

The McDowell Group study states that the current demand for the sports center runs from 4,500-5,000 people per week, while the current facility can accommodate only 2,000 people per week. User groups being turned away today from the sports center and the Wendy Williamson Auditorium would find space in the new arena, which will benefit our entire community.

I look forward to working with University Regents as the project progresses. It will be a wonderful addition to our community, benefitting Anchorage and Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Sullivan".

Dan Sullivan
Mayor