

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Matanuska-Susitna Borough School****District****Project Title:****Project Type:** Equipment and Materials

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - School District Road Grader

State Funding Requested: \$290,000**House District:** Mat-Su Areawide (13-16)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Road Grader to replace MSB School District's 32 year-old broken down grader.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project:** \$290,000*There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Mat-Su Borough School District (MBSD) spans approximately 25,000 square miles, an area larger than the entire state of West Virginia. The MBSD is home to 43 schools!

With a district wide enrollment of approximately 16,470 students, Mat-Su is the second largest school District in Alaska--behind Anchorage.

The MBSBD uses their road graders primarily for snow removal at all of the schools, to ensure that schools are open every day of the school calendar.

Their existing road grader has been in service for 32 years, after purchasing it from a DOT Surplus sale. The grader has become undependable due to frequent break-downs. Since factory parts for this 1978 model grader are no longer available, parts need to be made by a machine shop, which can take up to two weeks.

Crews working without a road grader takes three times longer, often running into overtime hours, which takes monies away from the Operations budget.

In addition to snow removal at the schools, the grader is used to scour ice in parking lots, to level lots and fields for sports activities and portables, and to smooth bumpy, pot-holed dirt roads.

The purchase of a road grader will address a serious need in the school district.

Project Timeline:

The Borough will purchase the grader in 2010. If the requested funding is secured by June 30, 2010, the seller will honor the quoted price.

The seller is increasing the cost of the road grader by 8% after June 30, 2010.

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

Mat-Su Borough School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Don Carney
Address: 3901 E Bogard Rd
Wasilla, AK 99654
Phone Number: (907)376-0806
Email: don.carney@matsuk12.us

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



Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

3901 E. Bogard Road
Wasilla, Alaska 99654
(907) 376-0806
Fax: (907) 376-7866

Date: November 25, 2009

To: Our Matanuska-Susitna Valley Legislators

From: Henry Cottle, Director
Operations & Maintenance

Subject: Road Grader Funding Request, Justification and Support Material

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Thank you for your help on this very serious need.

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Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

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SEF-1334, CA1608425 - AIP Motor Grader ORDER CHECK & PRICE LIST

CA 1608425 Dated: 6/20/08, Updated 7/22/08, Updated 3/12/09 per Amendment Two
 NC Machinery
 POC: Mike Lichter
 Address: 6450 Arctic Blvd
 Anchorage, Alaska 99519-0148
 Phone: 786-7534 Note: Prices are FOB Seattle/Tacoma 180 DAYS ARO

PO:
 LOCATION:

SPECIFICATION #352-AIP MOTOR GRADER				Order Total
1=Y or 0=N	Item #	Mfr/Make/Model	Price	09/10 Pricing
0	352-1	Motor Grader w/14 Ft Moldboard, Minimum 35,000 LB, w/Emergency Steering (Reference State Class 352-AIP), CATERPILLAR Model 140M (ARTICULATION FUNCTION TO BE DISCONNECTED)	\$ 256,235.00	\$258,797.00
0	352-2	Tire Studs (Reference Spec 3.6.5)	\$ 1,595.00	
0	352-3	Push Block (Reference Spec 10.1)	\$ 2,650.00	\$2,675.00
0	352-4	Scarifier (Reference Spec 10.2)	\$ 9,906.00	
0	352-5	Snow Wing, Class 856, 42" Benching Height with Fixed Rear Brace HENKE Model AHW-12FR	\$ 16,750.00	
0	352-6	HD Plow, Class 866 Multi-Directional (Reference Spec 10.4), HENKE Model BLG-XH Lift w/FV-12 Plow	\$ 27,350.00	
0	352-7	VHF Radio (Reference Spec 11.0)	\$ 3,490.00	
0	352-8	Training (Reference Spec 12.0)	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00
0	352-9	Publications (Reference Spec 13.8)	\$ 954.00	\$954.00
0	352-10	Inspection - Prior to Shipment to Final Destination (Reference Spec 13.10)	\$ 3,000.00	
0		Estimated Delivery from Seattle to Wasilla		\$6,500.00
		Estimated Total		\$270,926.00

Item # E-11 Base Bid for Motor Grader includes the following optional accessories as described below.

1. 150 amp alternator
2. All DOT lights and warning strobe
3. Rear fan/defroster, Heated mirrors, Air suspension seat, Wiper/Washer front & rear
4. Cold weather starting aids
5. Push Plate, Counterweight
6. Heavy Duty Moldboard (14' x 27" x 1")

Henry, This estimate reflects current pricing and represents what we are looking for as far as accessories. Let me know if you need any additional info. John

From: John Phillips
To: Cottle, Henry
Date: 2/11/2010 1:48 PM
Subject: RE: 140m.

Henry,

The grader with heavy duty moldboard, push block/counterweight, training, publications & freight to Wasilla would come to \$270,926. Let me know if you need any additional info.

John

>>> "Lichter, Mike" <MLichter@NCMachinery.com> 2/11/2010 8:25 AM >>>
John, this price would include the moldboard, you just need to ask for it if you place an order. All prices are FOB Seattle. Freight from Seattle to Wasilla will be around \$5500 to \$6500 .

NC Machinery Co
Michael G. Lichter
907-786-7534 Ph.
907-786-7580 Fax
907-441-8005 Cell

-----Original Message-----

From: John Phillips [<mailto:John.Phillips@matsuk12.us>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2010 7:37 AM
To: Lichter, Mike
Subject: Re: 140m.

Mike,

I will need the price for the heavy duty moldboard also. Does this pricing include delivery to our location in Wasilla? Thanks

John W. Phillips
Maintenance Supervisor
Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District
Office: 376-0806 Ext. 12
Cell: 355-2155

>>> "Lichter, Mike" <MLichter@NCMachinery.com> 2/10/2010 4:46 PM >>>
The only changes to the pricing menu from the state contract is the base machine price , it is now \$258,797.00 and the push block price which is now \$2,675.00 . Please let me know if this does not answer your question. Thanks

NC Machinery Co

Michael G. Lichter

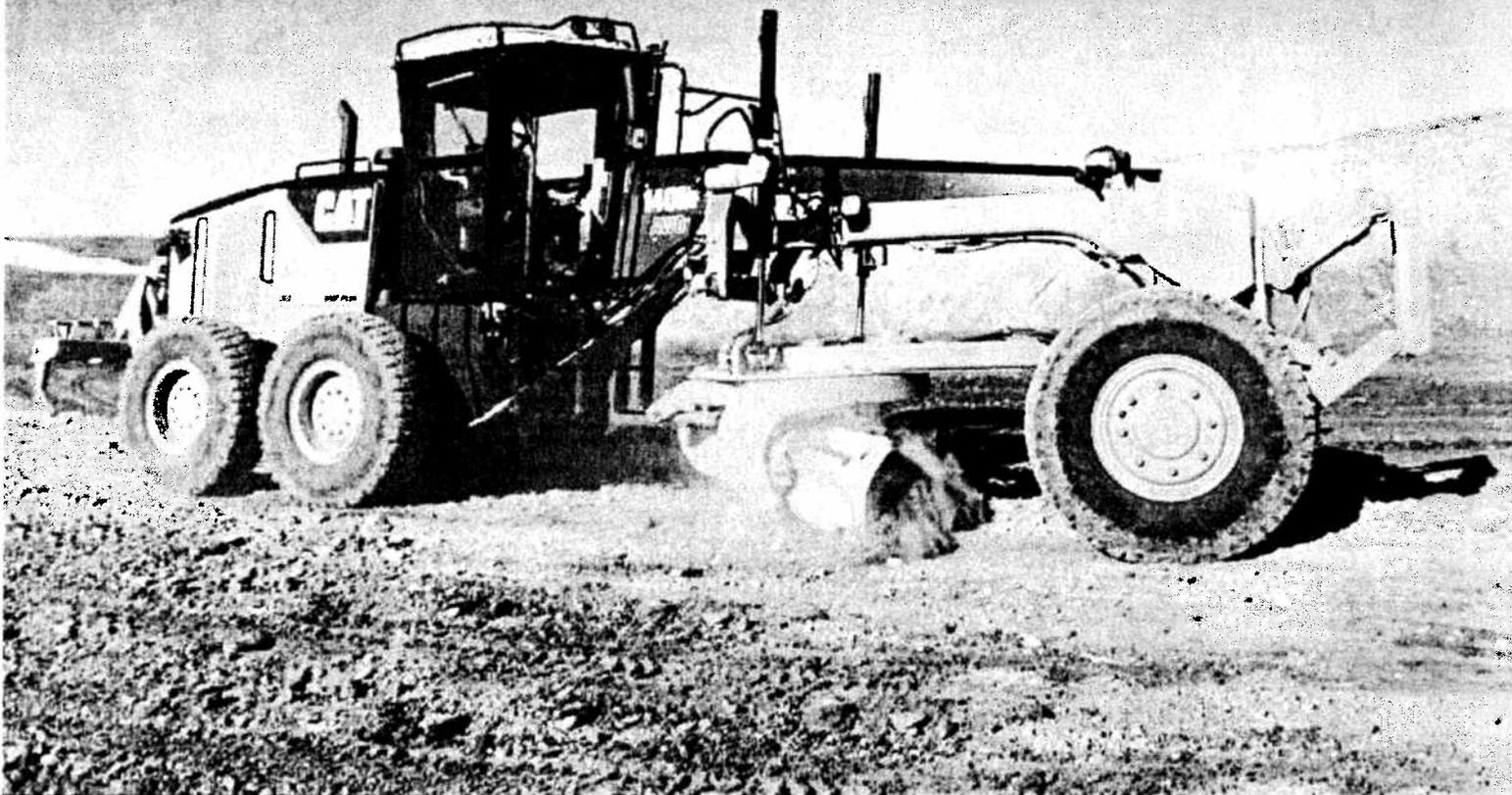
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140M

Motor Grader



Cat® C7 ACERT™ VHP

Base Power (1st gear) – Net	136 kW	183 hp
VHP Range – Net	136-148 kW	183-198 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net	136-174 kW	183-233 hp

Cat® C9 ACERT™ VHP Plus – AWD Model

Base Power (1st gear) – Net	166 kW	223 hp
VHP Plus Range – Net	166-200 kW	223-268 hp

Gross Vehicle Weight – Base

Total	16 197 kg	35,708 lb
Front Axle	4810 kg	10,605 lb
Rear Axle	11 386 kg	25,103 lb

Moldboard

Blade Width	3.7 m	12 ft
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140M Motor Grader

The 140M delivers multiple technological breakthroughs to give you the best return on your investment.

Operator Station

- ✓ A technologically advanced cab, featuring joystick controls, provides unmatched comfort and visibility. **pg. 4**

Steering and Implement Controls

- ✓ Two joysticks offer precise control and unparalleled ease of operation. This advanced technology makes the 140M the most operator-friendly motor grader in the world. **pg. 6**

Structures, Drawbar, Circle and Moldboard

- ✓ The 140M frame provides a solid working platform, and the DCM delivers service ease and precise blade control for maximum productivity. **pg. 8**

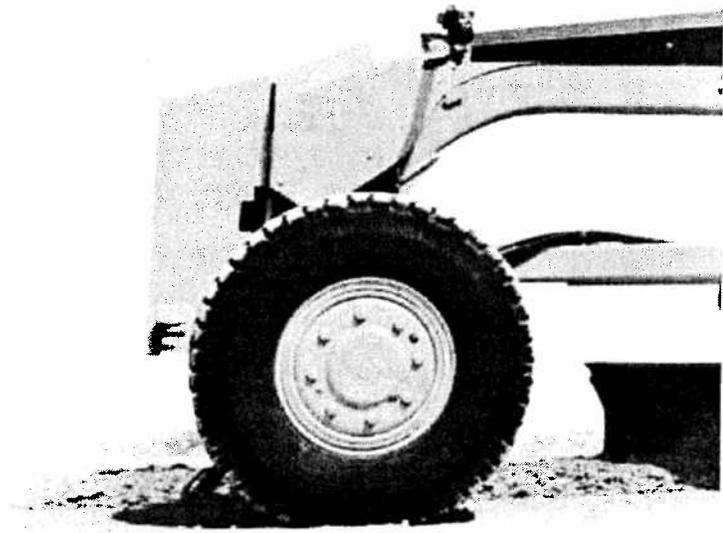
Integrated Electronic Solutions

- ✓ Full systems integration with advanced electronics including Cat[®] Messenger, AccuGrade[™] blade control system and Cat ET, create a "Smart Machine" that optimizes performance and availability. **pg. 14**

All Wheel Drive, Work Tools and Attachments

- ✓ The Work Tools and optional attachments for the 140M, including the industry leading All Wheel Drive system, expand machine versatility, utilization and performance. **pg. 16**

The 140M motor grader represents a revolution in operational efficiency, visibility, service ease and overall productivity, setting the new standard and building on the legacy of high quality you can trust.



Power Train

- ✓ An electronically controlled power shift transmission assures smooth shifting and maximum power to the ground. A modular rear axle and hydraulic brakes simplify serviceability and reduce operating costs. **pg. 10**

Engine

- ✓ The Cat C7 engine and the Cat C9 engine on the AWD model combine power management with ACERT™ Technology to deliver maximum power and efficiency in every gear while reducing the environmental impact. **pg. 12**

Hydraulics

- ✓ The electro-hydraulic load-sensing system provides the foundation for advanced machine controls, enabling superior controllability and precise and predictable hydraulic movements, with the reliability you expect from Caterpillar. **pg. 13**

Safety

- ✓ Caterpillar has been and continues to be proactive in developing machines that meet or exceed safety standards. **pg. 18**

Serviceability and Customer Support

- ✓ Fast component replacement and minimum downtime are possible with Caterpillar's exceptional parts availability and dealers' advanced rebuild and repair capabilities. **pg. 20**



✓ *New Feature*

Safety

Safety is an integral part of all machine and system designs.



Operator Presence System. The Operator Presence System keeps the parking brake engaged and hydraulic implements disabled until the operator is seated and the machine is ready for safe operation.

Secondary Steering System. The standard secondary steering system automatically engages an electric hydraulic pump in case of a drop in steering pressure, allowing the operator to steer the machine to a stop.

Speed Sensitive Steering. The steering software automatically provides an infinitely variable ratio between the joystick and the steer tires, resulting in less sensitive steering as the ground speed increases.

Low Sound and Vibration Levels.

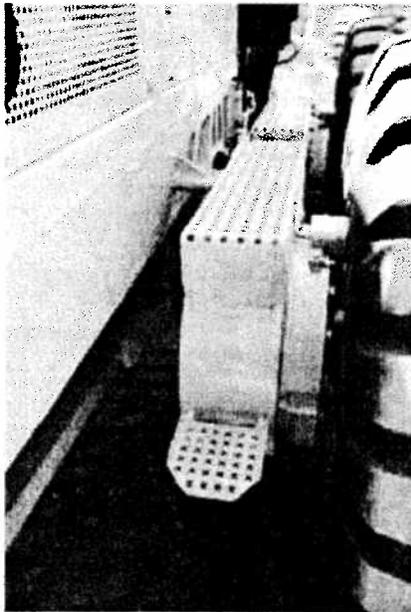
Isolation mounts for the cab, engine and transmission maximize operator comfort and help to minimize sound and vibration. These modifications provide a quieter and more comfortable working environment, optimizing operator focus.

Hydraulic Lockout. A simple switch located in the cab disables all implement functions while still providing machine steering control. This safety feature is especially useful while the machine is roading.

Brake Systems. Brakes are located at each tandem wheel to eliminate braking loads on the power train. In addition, the brake systems are redundant and utilize accumulators to enable stopping in case of machine failure, further increasing operational safety.

Drop-Down Rear Lights. Optional drop-down lights fold out from the rear of the machine. This creates a wider, lower profile to be better aligned with passenger cars.

Rearview Camera. Visibility is further enhanced with an optional Work Area Vision System (WAVS) through a 178 mm (7 in) LCD color monitor in the cab. Developed specifically for rugged applications, this durable camera improves productivity and increases operator awareness of surroundings.



Steel Tandem Walkways. Perforated raised steel walkways cover the tandems. This provides a sturdy platform for standing and walking, and additional protection for the brake lines.

ROPS/FOPS Cab. Isolation mounted to the frame to reduce vibration and sound, the integral ROPS/FOPS structure meets ISO and SAE criteria for operator protection.

Circle Drive Slip Clutch. This standard feature protects the drawbar, circle and moldboard from shock loads when the blade encounters an immovable object. It also reduces the possibility of abrupt directional changes in poor traction conditions, protecting the machine, operator and surroundings.

Blade Lift Accumulators. This optional feature uses accumulators to help absorb impact loads to the moldboard by allowing vertical blade travel. Blade lift accumulators reduce unnecessary wear and help to avoid unintended machine movement for increased operator safety.

Engine Shutoff Switch. An engine shutoff switch is located at ground level on the left rear of the machine, allowing anyone nearby to shut it down in case of an emergency.

Electrical Disconnect Switch. A battery disconnect switch, located inside the left rear enclosure, provides ground-level lockout of the electrical system to prevent inadvertent starting of the machine.

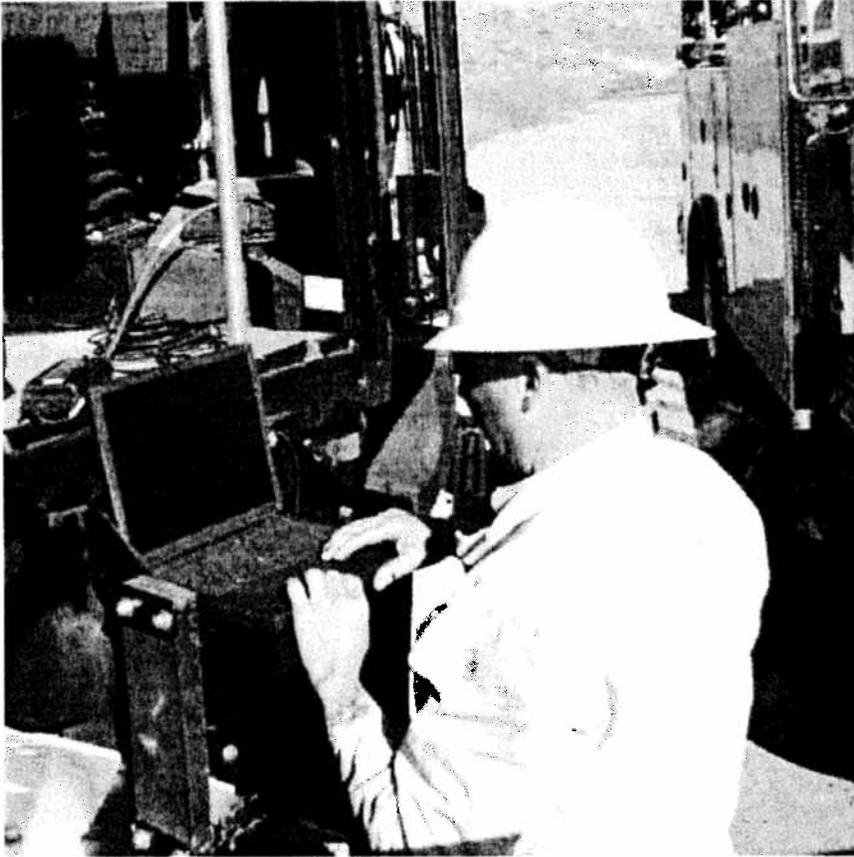


Fenders. To help reduce objects flying from the tires, as well as build-up of mud, snow and debris, optional fenders can be added.

Additional Safety Features. The 140M has many additional standard safety features, including laminated glass on the front windows and doors, lockable doors, back-up lights and sounding alarm, black glare-reducing paint on the front frame and engine enclosure, and conveniently located grab rails for added safety.

Serviceability and Customer Support

Simplified service, world-class product support and Cat® dealer-trained experts keep your fleet up and running, maximizing your equipment investment.



Grouped Service Points. The 140M groups daily service points in the left side service center to help ensure proper maintenance and inspection routines.

Extended Service Intervals.

The 140M extended service intervals, such as 500-hour engine oil changes and 4,000-hour hydraulic oil changes, reduce machine service time and increase availability.

Ecology Drains. Conveniently located ecology drains shorten service times and help keep the environment safe by preventing spills.

Diagnostics and Monitoring. The 140M integrates Cat Messenger, Cat Electronic Technician and S•O•SSM Sampling ports for easy monitoring and fast troubleshooting, keeping your machine up and running.

Machine Selection. Make detailed comparisons of the machines under consideration before purchase. Cat dealers help you size the right machine for your operations and can estimate component life, preventative maintenance cost, and the true cost of production.

Purchase. Consider the financing options available, as well as day-to-day operating costs. Look at dealer services that can be included in the cost of the machine to yield lower equipment owning and operating costs over the long run.

Maintenance Services. Repair option programs guarantee the cost of repairs up front. Diagnostics programs such as Scheduled Oil Sampling, S•O•SSM analysis, Coolant Sampling and Technical Analysis help avoid unscheduled repairs.



Product Support. You will find nearly all parts at our dealer parts counter. Cat dealers use a world-wide computer network to track in-stock parts to minimize machine down time. Save money with genuine Cat Reman parts. You receive the same warranty and reliability as new products at substantial cost savings.

Don Carney - RE: RE: Palmer AK

From: Karen Sawyer <Karen_Sawyer@legis.state.ak.us>
To: Don Carney <Don.Carney@matsuk12.us>
Date: 2/18/2010 1:11 PM
Subject: RE: RE: Palmer AK

Can you try sending the attachment again? That is critical to show the actual cost. Thanks!

Karen

Karen Sawyer, Staff
Office of Representative Carl Gatto
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau AK 99801

465-5025 direct
465-3743 main
465-2381 fax
Karen_Sawyer@legis.state.ak.us

From: Don Carney [mailto:Don.Carney@matsuk12.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Karen Sawyer
Subject: Fwd: RE: Palmer AK

Here is the email between the project manager and the turf supplier.
I made red the part that says we have insufficient funds.
Hope this helps.
>>> "Jeffrey Walden" <Jeffrey.Walden@matsugov.us> 2/17/2010 4:05 PM >>>
The attachment didn't make it.

From: Rhonda Franson [mailto:rhonda.franson@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Jeffrey Walden
Cc: 'Donny Jones'; 'Don Carney'
Subject: RE: Palmer AK

Hi Jeff,

Please see attached.
Any questions don't hesitate to let us know

Best,
Rhonda K. Franson
Fieldturf Northwest
360-668-8989 office

206-963-6916 cell

From: Jeffrey Walden [mailto:Jeffrey.Walden@matsugov.us]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 9:07 AM
To: Rhonda Franson
Cc: Donny Jones; Don Carney
Subject: RE: Palmer AK

Rhonda,

Our state rep that gave us the \$500K is asking for a budgetary number so he can get us additional funds. Can you give me an approximate cost for a fully installed turf system? Something on your letterhead would be very much appreciated so I can forward it to the state representative.
Jeff

From: Rhonda Franson [mailto:rhonda.franson@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2009 9:57 AM
To: Jeffrey Walden
Cc: 'Donny Jones'
Subject: RE: Palmer AK

Hi Jeffrey -

Thank you for the follow-up.
Right now there is no way to do a field properly in Alaska for 500K.

Rhonda

From: Jeffrey Walden [mailto:Jeffrey.Walden@matsugov.us]
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 9:45 AM
To: Donny Jones
Cc: Rhonda Franson Comcast
Subject: RE: Palmer AK

Third and last follow-up.
Can we do anything with our field for \$500K ??
Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: Donny Jones [mailto:donnyjones@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:05 AM
To: Jeffrey Walden
Cc: 'Rhonda Franson Comcast'
Subject: RE: Palmer AK

Jeff,

I sent this up to corporate to our engineers to do a takeoff etc and will get back with you by the end of the week at least with more questions or even some budget pricing. Rhonda will be sending you a bunch of info on Fieldturf, the product, the company, why we are the best in the world etc. Have a good day.

Donny Jones
Fieldturf Tarkett
Washington & Alaska
(360) 668-8989
Arizona Office
(602) 284-8987

From: Jeffrey Walden [mailto:Jeffrey.Walden@matsugov.us]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:25 AM
To: donnyjones@comcast.net
Subject: Palmer AK

Donny,
Attached are the civil drawings for the Palmer HS field.
The state doesn't care that the budget was cut in half and want to see something done with what we have. let me know what you think.
Jeff

Jeff Walden
Project Manager
Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Office (907) 745-9814
Cell (907) 354-4293

PALMER HIGH SCHOOL

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The Honorable Lyda Green
The Honorable Carl Gatto
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Green and Representative Gatto,

First, the teachers, students, parents, and staff at Palmer High thank you for all you have done for the Mat-Su Valley, and in particular for your continued support of education for our community.

In keeping with our communities desire to have healthy children, and the Bush administration's encouragement to make exercise a more regular and natural part of a child's life, we as parents want our children to spend more time outdoors. A huge help in accomplishing this is upgrading our infrastructure through a capital project expenditure of \$1.5 million to replace the Machetanz Field's grass surface with turf.

This would be an appropriate place to install a turf field for a number of reasons. Primarily, it will improve the safety for any and all students and student athletes who use the facility. Spikes and cleats that would otherwise not be able to be used can be used on an artificial surface. When talking about natural grass fields, Palmer High School has, arguably, the best football field in the state. It comes, however, with a cost. The Palmer High football coaches put innumerable hours into seeding, watering, and otherwise maintaining the field. In spite of the money and hours that are poured into this ongoing project, weather does not always allow us to retain a field that is in adequate condition. Further, because of the sensitive nature of sod cleats or spikes cannot be used on the field for Spring sports prior to May 1st. Because new grass is very slippery at that time of the year, there is a significant safety issue for soccer players and any other athletes who use the current surface.

3. March 2008

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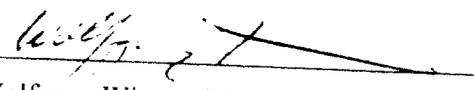


Palmer High is the longest established Valley school with a stadium known throughout Alaska. With turf replacement, Palmer and the greater Mat-Su community would have access to a facility for most of the year; the artificial surface would allow us to extend the use of our facility far beyond what it is now. Another benefit to installing turf at Palmer High School is it coincides with a new video surveillance system in place by this Fall, ensuring effective safety/security of the new field. Finally, with the long-awaited visitors bleachers soon to be a reality with seating for about 500 spectators, this will be one of the few schools in the state with quality seating on both sides of the field—a great benefit to the region.

Palmer High School was the first school in the state to have an all-weather track; this occurred about 20 years ago. However, the Mat-Su Valley lags behind in turf field installation—a tremendous means of ensuring safety for our student athletes, increasing community participation, and extending the sports season.

Thank you for your consideration.

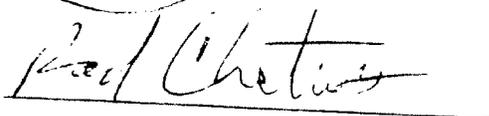
Sincerely yours,


Wolfgang Winter, Principal


Jeff Thiede, Athletic Director


Kevin Dearborn, Head Boys Soccer Coach


Jim Simmons, Assistant Principal


Rod Christiansen, Head Football Coach


Brian Fish, Head Girls Soccer Coach

3. March 2008



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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PALMER, ALASKA 99645
Office of the School Board

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Date: February 19, 2010

To: Senator Charlie Huggins
Senator Linda Menard
Representative Carl Gatto
Representative Wes Keller
Representative Mark Neuman
Representative Bill Stoltze

From: Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board
President Colleen Vague

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