

Replace Pesticide Storage Facility-Plant Materials Center **FY2012 Request:** **\$180,000**
Reference No: **51042**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Greater Palmer) **House District:** Greater Palmer (HD 13)
Impact House District: Matsu Areawide (HD 13-16) **Contact:** Jean Davis
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Plant Materials Center (PMC), a 405 acre working farm, is in need of a safe and efficient pesticide storage facility. This funding will allow for the purchase and placement of properly designed storage facility and associated wash rack for application equipment. A proper storage facility will stop unnecessary expense due to product loss from deterioration, and provide a secure location to store the hazardous material.

Funding:	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$180,000						\$180,000
Total:	\$180,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$180,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

None

Project Description/Justification:

The PMC is currently utilizing an old grainery for pesticide storage. Pesticide storage requires a secure facility and this wood structure built in the 1950s has been used by the PMC for pesticide storage since 2002. Prior to that time, the UAF Experiment Station Facility was used on a cost share basis. UAF no longer has funding to operate the facility.

The funding request will allow for the purchase and placement of a properly designed storage facility and associated wash rack for application equipment. This is a necessary facility on a working farm.

This new facility will reduce annual operating expenses with lower heating costs, eliminate unnecessary product loss, and provide a more secure storage facility.

Why is this Project Needed Now?:

To secure and protect chemicals used for farm applications.

Specific Spending Detail:

<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION (text)</u>
Services	\$ 180,000	Contract for purchase & placement of storage facility

State Match Required:

- NO
- YES

Project Support:

This project will be supported by the Alaska Seed Growers Association and other Alaska based agriculture groups.

Project Opposition:

None anticipated.