

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Aviation Museum****Federal Tax ID: 92-0071852****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum and Alaskan Historical Aircraft Society - Merrill Field Control Tower Cab Repair and Construction

State Funding Requested: \$103,700**House District: Statewide (1-40)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construct a mini control tower using one of the original Merrill Field cabs, as repaired.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$120,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$16,300)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$103,700)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

2006, SOA DC-004 \$250,000

2007, SOA DC-009 750,000

2009, SOA DC-001 125,000

2010, SOA DC-003 500,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

We have in our possession one of the original Merrill Field tower cabs of the 1950's technology. It needs extensive repair. We plan to return it to near original condition and mount it on a one story base, next to Lake Hood. It will be handicapped accessible, with dimensions of approx 20' by 20' by 25' high. We have chosen a contractor, Boslough Construction of Anchorage.

The first floor will have observation windows overlooking Lake Hood, and the space will be used for the general public, Museum displays, maybe a coffee shop, etc.

The second floor will be the tower cab, equipped with radios so the visitors can listen to the Lake Hood tower talk with the planes as they are taking off or landing right in front of the facility.

We have the original bronze plaque by the City of Anchorage commemorating the construction of the tower on Merrill Field, and it will be prominently displayed.

We will obtain all the necessary permits, including the FAA, the Municipality of Anchorage, and the International Airport, who actually own our property.

We are speaking with the Turnagain Community Council, and the President verbally endorsed the project. They are meeting this Thursday, Feb 7, at which time we expect formal approval

Project Timeline:

We would be ready to proceed as soon as the funding is verified after July 1, 2013. Expected completion time is sixty days. The funds are expected upon receipt of properly documented invoicing from the contractor.

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

Alaska Aviation Museum

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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