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Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska Yukon River Expedition sponsored by Alaskan Express Freight Sled Expedition, Inc.

Project Location: Circle Village ending in Holy Cross Village (1150 mile trip down the Yukon River) Mailing address: Ron Arnold, Director

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Alaska Yukon River Expedition Offer visitors the opportunity to experience the real Alaska and its True peoples who live on and near the Yukon River, beginning in Circle and culminating at Holy Cross.

The Yukon River has been the mainstay for the True Alaskan Peoples who have survived on the River for more than 15,000 years. They traded, celebrated their life experiences, followed the seasonal movements of their ancestors' diligent life styles and united their differences through struggle and storytelling.

The Alaskan Original Peoples who used and cultivated the Yukon River are all culturally rich and include: The Athabascans of Interior Alaska, the Inupiaq and the St. Lawrence Island Yupik People or the "Real People" of Alaska North and Northwest, Yup'ik and Cup'ik peoples of the Southwest, people of the Southeast Eyak, Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian, and Aleut and Alutiiq of Alaska South and Southwest.

(See Alaska Yukon River Expedition Cover Letter Included)

Related Appropriations Bill: Senator Murkowski and Congressman Young

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$150,400

Total funding to complete this project: \$150,400

Number of years to fund this project: one

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: Nothing at present.

Matching funds from local and private entities:
\$20,300

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Never requested and never funded.

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: \$0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: \$0

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

[Empty box for listing legislation]

Check all that apply:

- A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

As a minority non-profit, Alaska Yukon River Expedition will focus its energies on the Villages that are on or near the Yukon River with the use Economic Development tools that have teeth and provide ownership for the Villages. The Alaska Yukon River Expedition will allow Villages to share in the net profits by giving all Villages a split of 40% of the net profits the first year and over the next five years they will own an equal share 50% in the business. This opens doors and offers opportunities that no other organizations have demonstrated or attempted when offering Economic Development packages to the rural and original people of Alaska. The Yukon River and the people that make it home have a history that dates back more than 20,000 years. Many of the Villages between Circle and Holy Cross have been inhabited for more than 2000 years just prior to the Bureau of Indian Affairs asking most to relocate in the 1960's-1970's.

The individuals of the Yukon River have been asked to design a program that would allow each to have an economic base that would enhance their way of life and generate jobs to the Villages.

The Alaska Yukon River Expedition does this and more.

1. We hire only those from the Villages as Educational Guides.
2. Purchase all food items from Village stores.
3. Use Bed and Breakfast in Villages that offer the service.
4. Purchase all fuel from the Villages
5. Purchase local artisan works from the Villages
6. Divide 30 percent of net profits with the Village equally.
7. Continued Education offered for Educational Guides.
8. Dove tail with other Yukon River agencies to model program for others to incorporate.
9. Travel to Tourist Trade Shows to expose Educational Guides to diverse populations of people and to learn the aspects of sales skills.
10. Manage and take control of the program over a five year period.
11. Grow the population of the Village by having jobs available in the Village.
12. Beginning the second year we will offer Winter Snow Machine Trips, this will offer almost year round work for the Villagers and enhance economic growth for all.



Alaska
Alaskan Express
Freight Sled Expedition, Inc.
Presents the
Alaska Yukon River Expedition

The Alaskan Express Freight Sled Expedition, Inc. was founded in 1999 to Celebrate the 15,000 plus year history of the Iditarod Trail. The Iditarod Trail is one of sixteen trails throughout the United States which was designated a National Millennium Trail. The Yukon River makes up more than half of the Iditarod Trail and has a history that dates back further than the Iditarod Trail.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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GOALS:

To encourage visitors, 10-12 persons per Expedition, to travel the Yukon River and experience a way of life that exist on this soul sustaining River by exchanging knowledge, cultural ways, while creating an economic model based on trade, purchases and lodging for those who visit the villages.

The Alaskan Express Freight Sled Expedition will hire those who live in the villages as guides/teachers and purchase all food items from village stores including art work, fuel, and what ever other sundries needed.

SUMMARY:

The Alaska Yukon River Expedition will offer a different kind of approach for tourist and travel in Alaska. This is a fresh approach to an old idea of travel, based on the peoples who live on the Yukon River. Many opportunities and ideas are present for the sharing so let us begin this refreshing approach to travel.