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Washington, D.C. 20510

**- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.**

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Seward, AK East Harbor Breakwater Extension

Project Location: Seward, AK

**Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):**

The City of Seward's small boat harbor was designed and constructed by the Army Corps after being authorized in WRDA in 1999 and receiving follow-on appropriations for construction. The last year of funding to finalize construction was provided in FY 2005. However, after a number of subsequent weather events, it has become apparent that the project's outer breakwater does not adequately protect much of the harbor from damage generated by heavy waves. An engineering assessment prepared on behalf of Seward identified extension of the outer breakwater as the best solution. The City sought an amendment to its original WRDA authorization to expand the breakwater that the AK delegation successfully incorporated in the latest WRDA reauthorization. The cost of the breakwater is authorized at \$3,333,000 at an 80-20 cost share consistent with Corps required matches for harbor General Navigation Features.

Related Appropriations Bill: Energy & Water Appropriations

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$2,666,000

**Total** funding to complete this project: \$2,666,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: n/a

Matching funds from local and private entities:

Local cost share -- \$667,000

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Section 3004 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007

**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)

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

- FY2002- Energy & Water Approps- \$1,000,000.
- FY2003- Energy & Water Approps-- \$3,500,000.
- FY2004- Energy & Water Approps--\$1,000,000.
- FY2005- Energy & Water Approps-- \$3,000,000.

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.



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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Seward, AK Lowell Creek Tunnel

Project Location: Seward, AK

**Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):**

The Lowell Creek Diversion Tunnel was built by the Army Corps in 1940 to divert the creek from its natural path to an outfall in Resurrection Bay to avoid flooding of Seward. However, the tunnel has been badly damaged as a result of frequent flooding over the last ten years. A significant blockage caused by the collapse of the tunnel structure during another major flood would create a floodpath that would threaten many residences, a nursing home and the Seward Hospital. The Water Resources Development Act transferred responsibility of maintenance and repair of Lowell Creek Tunnel for a 15 year period from the City to the Army Corps or until such time that an adequate flood control system has been built that would prevent future flooding. WRDA also charges the Corps with studying to see if an adequate flood diversion can be built in Lowell Canyon. We are requesting \$500,000 in feasibility study funds to begin that work.

Related Appropriations Bill: Energy & Water Appropriations

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$500,000

**Total** funding to complete this project: \$500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: n/a

Matching funds from local and private entities:

The Community will mee the required cost-share

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

\$90,000 -- FY 2006 Energy & Water Approps

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:

Section 5032 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Seward, AK -- Kenai Fjords Multi-Agency Facility

Project Location: Seward, AK

**Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):**

This project would result in the construction of a new multi-agency facility to house regional NFS, NPS, NMFS personnel as well as state and local agencies and local private entities. A total of \$8.67 million (FY 98 through FY 08) has been provided in prior year appropriations for planning, design, and site acquisition for the new facility. To date, the partners working on this project are Kenai Fjords National Park, Chugach National Forest, Alaska State Parks, National Marine Fisheries Service, the Alaska Sealife Center, the Seward Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Seward. The new facility would replace the small visitor center/administrative headquarters for the park, the administrative headquarters for the Forest Service, and would provide more of a local Seward presence for Alaska State Parks and other cooperating agencies. Services in the visitor portion of the new facility would include information/orientation and trip planning, a 200 seat auditorium, regional ecosystem-based natural and cultural exhibits, rotating exhibit space, a natural and cultural exhibits, rotating exhibit space, a natural history bookstore, a conference center, and centralized permitting.

Related Appropriations Bill: Interior & Environment Appropriations

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$2,000,000

**Total** funding to complete this project: \$20,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: Several

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: n/a

Matching funds from local and private entities:

N/A

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

Interior Approps -- FY 08 -- \$2,000,000; FY 06 -- \$495,000; FY 05 -- \$950,000; FY 04 -- \$2,400,000

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:**

The Park Service is authorized under its organic act to fund construction of its own facilities.

**Check all that apply:**

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## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Seward, AK -- Arctic Region Research Vessel

Project Location: Seward, AK

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

The City of Seward is currently home to the NSF's Alpha Helix, an aging oceanographic research vessel operated by the University of Alaska, that is due to be replaced by a new Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV). The ARRV will operate year round in the challenging waters of the Chukchi, Beaufort, and Bering Seas, as well as the open Gulf of Alaska, coastal Southeast Alaska and Prince William Sound, including in seasonal ice where its unique hull design will enable it to conduct research virtually year round. The design work on the vessel was completed in 2004. Construction funding for the vessel was requested by the Administration in FY 2007 and 2008 and appropriated by Congress (\$2.6 M in FY 07; \$42M in FY 08) and approximately \$78 M more is needed to complete construction. NSF has decided not to request any funds for the vessel in FY 2009. Given its location and long-standing and positive relationship with NSF, the community would stand a good chance of being the home of the ARRV. We do not seek funds this year but recommend that the attached report language be incorporated in the bill

Related Appropriations Bill: CJS Appropriations

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: 0

**Total** funding to complete this project: 0

Number of years to fund this project: 0

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: n/a

Matching funds from local and private entities:

N/A

List legislation that authorizes this project:

NSF Construction is authorized under the National Science Foundation Act (42 USC 1861-1875)

**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)

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

FY 2008 CJS Approps -- \$42,000,000  
FY 2007 Continuing Resolution -- \$2,600,0000

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.

**City of Seward – FY 2009 Report Language Request – CJS Approps/NSF Arctic Region Research Vessel**

“The Committee is disappointed that the Administration did not request further construction funding for the Arctic Region Research Vessel (ARRV) and would urge it to expedite the final design review. The ARRV would serve as the replacement to the Alpha Helix, currently based in Seward, AK, and would be employed to conduct ground-breaking research on climate change in the Arctic Region. Seward, given its long-standing positive relationship with NSF, would serve as the ideal home-port for the ARRV once it is built.”