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March 26, 2015

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
National Disaster Resilience Competition  
FR-5800-N-29

RE: CDBG-NDR DMVA/DHS&EM Intent to Participate

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms the mutual intent of the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM), Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA), the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AFHC), and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to collaborate and complete an application for HUD's Community Development Block Grant-National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR). This partner agreement is contingent upon the award of funds from the competition to carry out eligible activities as provided in the State of Alaska's CDBG-NDR application. DHS&EM will act as the lead agency on behalf of the State of Alaska.

Per Alaska Statute (AS) 26.23.010, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) provides critical services to Alaskan communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover and reduce vulnerability from disasters. Further, per AS 26.23.040, it is DHS&EM's duty to execute those services, which include emergency preparedness, training, exercise, planning, response, recovery, risk reduction mitigation, and managing associated grants. Since the implementation of the Alaska Disaster Act in 1977, DHS&EM (formerly Division of Emergency Services) has effectively executed the emergency management mission for the State of Alaska, its communities, and tribes for over 246 local, state, and federal disasters.

DHS&EM is part of a State Interagency Working Group (SIWG), also consisting of DCRA, AHFC, DEC, other partners, and stakeholders. The SIWG has agreed that DHS&EM will be the lead agency for the CDBG-NDR application phase. Should funding be made available through this grant, the SIWG reserves the right to leverage the capability of its core members and partners as appropriate to implement the proposed activities for the CDBG-NDR with the support of the Governor's office.

As an emergency response and recovery agency, in addition to emergency management subject matter expertise, DMVA and DHS&EM bring leadership, federal and State grants management, project management, planning, and procurement capabilities to the SIWG. We also lead and participate in several interagency working groups, from which we may leverage support and capabilities as appropriate. These groups include the State Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee, the Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection, the Disaster Housing Task Force (when activated), and the US Army Corps of Engineers' sponsored Alaska Chapter of Silver Jackets.

We commit \$50,000 in cash contribution for CDBG-NDR related application development, planning, general administration, architecture and engineering, and initial soft costs from the date of the NOFA (September 17, 2014) through the performance period of any award received.

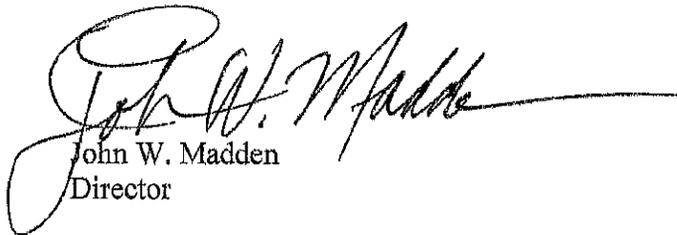
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It is understood this letter is only an expression of our intent, and binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Please contact Ann Gravier at 907-428-7045 or by email at [ann.gravier@alaska.gov](mailto:ann.gravier@alaska.gov) if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



John W. Madden  
Director

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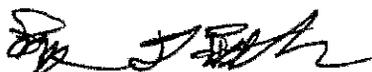
This letter is to confirm the mutual intent of both the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA) and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to collaborate and enter into a partner agreement, contingent upon the award of funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant National Disaster Resilience (CDBG-NDR) competition, to carry out eligible activities as provided in the MVA's CDBG-NDR application.

AHFC is the state housing finance agency and the only public housing authority in Alaska. Our organization is the largest affordable housing provider in the state with over 1,600 units and assisting another 4,000 families through Housing Choice Vouchers. We maintain the state thermal design standard, invest in housing and energy efficiency research and arctic housing design; in fact, we lead the nation in homeowner energy efficiency; investing \$600 million of state funds in weatherization and energy efficiency rebates in the last eight years resulting in ratings of 37,000 homes and weatherizing over 15,000 - with average thermal savings of more than 30 percent. We operate all major state and federal low income housing programs (Section 8, public housing, HOME, LIHTC, NSP, Continuum of Care homeless programs); Further, AHFC manages \$65 million federal dollars per year using many different HUD/DOE electronic monitoring and drawdown systems (IDIS, DRGR, LOCCS). We have decades of experience with cross cutting federal requirements like Davis Bacon, environmental reviews, URA, and fair housing design standards and practices.

AHFC is a committed partner in the development of the NDRC application and developing a new approach to building resiliency of Alaskan communities. We are committed to sharing data on housing needs and energy efficiency; leveraging existing planning and research; providing grant writing and administration expertise; technical assistance on state/federal housing programs that can be used to implement the approach methodology; if needed, fiscal management of the funds including drawdown and reporting to HUD and providing a direct cash contribution of \$50,000 for the leveraging component over and above the administrative costs of application preparation.

As a partner in this application we commit to using the designed approach to review AHFC's current policies and procedures, insuring greater resiliency. It is understood that this letter is only an expression of our intent and a binding partner agreement detailing the terms and conditions of the proposed partnership must be executed before the use of any CDBG-NDR funds, if awarded.

Sincerely,



Bryan D. Butcher, CEO/Executive Director





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October 22, 2014

Mr. Bryan Butcher  
CEO/Executive Director  
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Anchorage, AK 99510

Dear Mr. Butcher:

It is my great pleasure to inform you that Alaska Housing Finance Corporation has been awarded a \$1,950,000 grant over three years to support the development of employee housing in small communities through the Teacher, Health Professional, and Public Safety Housing Grant Program.

Please have two officials from your organization acknowledge receipt of this grant and agreement with its terms by signing the attached grant agreement and returning it by October 31, 2014.

The grant agreement contains instructions for payment requests and reporting. The required forms may be found on the Foundation's web site, [www.rasmuson.org](http://www.rasmuson.org). Please refer to grant number 8728 in all correspondence regarding this award.

Our directors are interested in keeping in touch with your activities during the course of the year. If you have a special event, receive recognition for your services, or have a significant accomplishment, we would like to hear about it. You may wish to include us on your regular mailing list. Also, if any key people involved in the project change, please notify us in writing.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Perez by email at [cperez@rasmuson.org](mailto:cperez@rasmuson.org), or by phone at (907) 334-0522 or toll-free in Alaska (877) 366-2700.

Congratulations on your award.

Best regards,

  
Diane Kaplan  
President

Enclosures

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# Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

I certify that the proposed activities/projects in the application are consistent with the jurisdiction's current, approved Consolidated Plan.  
(Type or clearly print the following information:)

Applicant Name: State of Alaska, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt.

Project Name: State of Alaska NRDC Application

Location of the Project: Western and Interior Regions of Alaska

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Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying: National Disaster Resiliency Competition - FR-5800-N-29

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction: State of Alaska - Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: Oscar Cedano

Title: Planner I

Signature: 

Date: 3/24/15