Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Federal Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Application Coversheet

Application Deadline 11:59 p.m., Monday, February 12, 2024

Application Checklist

Application Package includes the following:

- 1. Completed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Application Coversheet.
- Completed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Project Application Form(s). *Must complete one form for each individual project*.
- 3. Signatory Authority Form with required three (3) signatures for jurisdiction (available at https://ready.alaska.gov/Grants)
- 4. Proof of local jurisdiction Citizen Corps national database registration to support Citizen Corps/ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) projects, if applicable.
- 5. Jurisdiction's Procurement Policy
- 6. Jurisdiction's Travel Policy (if travel is being requested) If items 5 and 6 are available online, provide the web address(es) here: _____Procurement Policy: https://www.codepublishing.com/AK/Valdez/#!/Valdez02/Valdez0280.html

7. Print-out of Jurisdiction's www.SAM.gov Entity Overview record displaying the jurisdiction's UEI Number

Attach any applicable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) related to the inter-agency project.

Attach your jurisdiction's last financial audit. Electronic copies are acceptable. If the document is available online, you may provide the web address here: <u>https://ak-valdez.civicplus.com/318/City-Budget-and-Financial-Statements</u>

Jurisdiction:	City o	f Val	dez									
Responsible Borough: (if applicable)	N/A											
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Submissions for a jurisdiction under a Borough are no longer required to be coordinated through the Borough. Jurisdictions may submit their applications independently of the Borough unless otherwise stated in the Borough's policy. However, jurisdictions within a Borough should consider a courtesy copy to the Borough to strengthen prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery within the whole community.

Only five (5) projects per jurisdiction may be submitted. There is a limit of no more than three (3) equipment projects. An additional AlaskEx exercise may be included for a total of six (6) projects.

		<u>Complete Applicable Boxes Below</u> <u>Is the project:</u>				
Project Priority	Project Budget Category (drop- down options)	Project Title	Law Enforcement Related	National Priority Related	AK Assessment or WICF Gap? Yes or No	Funding Request
1	Equipment	Valdez Public Safety Portable Radios	Yes	Yes	No	\$200,000
2	Equipment	Valdez Public Safety Mobile Radios	Yes	Yes	No	\$167,500
	Choose an item.					\$
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A	laskaEx					\$
		T	otal Requ	ested SI	ISP Funds:	\$367,500

Jurisdiction Point of Contact for Project Applications

Name: Jordan Nelson Address: 212 Chenega Ave. P.O. Box 307 Valdez, AK 99686 Email Address: jnelson@valdezak.gov

Certification and Authorization to Submit Application

By signature below, the undersigned certify and acknowledge:

the jurisdiction has a financial management system in accordance with the 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, §200.300-.309 Standards for Financial and Program Management and;

the jurisdiction complies with all local procurement policies and procedures and conforms to applicable state and federal law and the standards identified in 2 CFR Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, §200.317-.326 Procurement Standards* to include having a written code of standards when using federal funds and;

the undersigned has been duly authorized by the jurisdiction to submit this application and will comply with the assurances, agreements, and/or special conditions set forth upon receipt of the grant award.

Jurisdiction Financial Officer Printed Name: Jordan Nelson

Signature

Jurisdiction Signatory Official Printed Name: John Douglas

Signature

Project Applications and Cover Sheet may be submitted electronically (in PDF format with complete signatures) or by mail or fax to:

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The VPD's portable radios are at the end of useful life and have experienced repeated failures in recent years, compromising the officers' ability to call for backup or communicate in emergency situations. Outdated and noncompliant radios pose a threat to Valdez and the State of Alaska at large. The Valdez Public Safety Portable Radios Project (Project) seeks to address these issues by replacing outdated radios with modern, federally compliant devices that enhance communication reliability, coverage, and interoperability.

Valdez is a member of the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) system—a federal, state, and municipal partnership with 86 towers around the state. It is a requirement of ALMR that members transition to upgraded TDMA Phase II technology to continue membership, as software updates to ALMR will no longer support out-of-date radios.

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will also benefit the wider community and support coordination with other agencies during joint emergency responses by improving communication capabilities, reducing response times and enhancing overall public safety.

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The new portable radios' enhanced communication capabilities will play a critical role in strengthening the City's resilience against potential terrorist threats. New, federally compliant radio benefits, include:

- Secure Communications Channels Radios will be equipped with advanced encryption features, ensuring secure communication channels, preventing unauthorized interception, and safeguarding operational details critical to mitigating and responding to terrorist threats.
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In the event of emergencies, search and rescue operations, and both manmade and natural disasters—all of which pose significant risks to Valdez—the current radios lack the necessary features for interoperability required for seamless communication between law enforcement, emergency services, and other agencies. This breakdown in communication can severely hinder response times, compromise coordination, and jeopardize public safety. Non-compliant radios also pose a threat to security, as they may result in inadequate encryption and security measures, exposing sensitive information to unauthorized access and putting Valdez at unnecessary risk.

Valdez is at high risk for natural disasters, including tsunamis, flooding, avalanches, and excessive snow. Valdez also stands at considerable risk from *manmade* disasters, including oil spills due to the Trans-Alaska-Pipeline-System (TAPS), as evidenced by the 1989 Exxon-Valdez oil spill, which was the most profound environmental disaster in human history at the time. TAPS travels through Keystone Canyon, which is along the Richardson Highway and is at risk of spills from flash flooding, routine wear and tear, and human malfeasance. Valdez is also at risk of targeted events of terrorism due to the incredible amount of other local infrastructure significant to the state and nation that the City supports. In addition to TAPS, Valdez hosts:

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Communications/Radio Gap

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Of course, the gap has also been highlighted directly by ALMR, as they require radios to be P25 compliant to continue membership and by the manufacturer of the VPD's current radios.

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The Valdez Information Technology team has conducted thorough investigations of the proposed radios to ensure that they will work with both the current infrastructure and the future upgraded tower and infrastructure.

Infrastructure Gap

The City has already designed and completed environmental clearance for the construction of a new radio tower and associated infrastructure, as suggested in the audits. Upgrading the infrastructure is a priority for the City, and the City is actively seeking funding opportunities in an effort to ensure upgrades happen as soon as possible. In the meantime, it is crucial that portable and mobile radios are upgraded.

4. Explain how this project increases capability in your jurisdiction.

The proposed radio upgrades will significantly increase capability within Valdez by improving communication capabilities. Upgrades ensure that law enforcement officers can communicate seamlessly and clearly, even in challenging environments or remote areas where previous communication breakdowns occurred. The new radios will provide improved communication clarity, improving real-time communication and allowing officers to respond more quickly and in a more organized manner to emergencies. The radios also allow for instant playback, giving the officers the ability to replay the last transmission from dispatch. The increased reliability of these radios will enhance the overall responsiveness and life safety of the police department and the public. New, properly functioning radios could lead to faster response for a man down or an officer needing backup.

Designed to comply with federal standards, the new radios will also ensure the security of communication channels. This compliance includes advanced encryption features that protect sensitive information from unauthorized access, heightening security. P25-compatible radios will also ensure continued membership with the ALMR system, which provides interoperability at all agency levels within the region.

Unreliable communication poses a severe risk to public and officer safety. The current VPD portable radios hinder officers' ability to respond promptly and effectively to emergencies. An example of this comes from a recent police report that describes a VPD officer responding to a person-in-distress call. Dispatch was unable to communicate the details about the call before the officer lost radio service as he sped to the address. There were two officers on shift, but the second officer was finishing another call. The first officer ultimately responded to a suicidal and dangerous individual without knowing the situation he was walking into and without being able to request backup because doing so would have meant leaving the individual alone. Unfortunately, this story is not an outlier. There are dozens of examples like this every year that are serious and life-threatening. The inability to communicate grows even more frustrating for the City, State, and Nation in the event of a natural or manmade disaster

5. Have you previously applied for funding of this project under prior years and/or grant programs?

The City has **NOT** applied for funding for this specific Project and has not ever applied for funding for new police department portable radios. The City has previously applied for funding for the comprehensive Master Communications Plan update, including funding for the construction of a new radio tower and tower infrastructure.

a. If yes, which years and/or grant programs?

An application was submitted to the Denali Commission for the Infrastructure Fund Program. Funding was not awarded, and therefore, this Project and the larger Master Communications Plan have not received any grant funding.

6. Explain the implementation of this project and how start-up will begin within the first 90 days of award.

The City of Valdez will issue a Request for Quote (RFQ) for portable radios. Upon award, the City will be able to purchase the proposed radios with the standard procurement policy within 30 days. The estimated lead time from manufacturers is approximately one month. The Project will not only begin but will be largely implemented within the first 90 days of award.

7. If this project could have a multi-jurisdictional or statewide benefit, please briefly explain. Include any correspondence and/or MOU's as support.

The City of Valdez has a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the USCG Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Valdez (attached in application package). The MOU outlines the City's support of USCG in the event of an active shooter. Historically, the VPD also helps to investigate maritime driving under the influence (DUI) investigations. New portable radios will bolster collaboration with USCG and ensure communications between VPD and MSU Valdez during joint operations.

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Of course, in the event of an emergency, this benefit becomes even more potentially widespread benefitting any and all involved agencies.

8. Select one primary core capability for this request. Core capabilities are taken from the National Preparedness goal.

Operational Communications

*This is a drop-down field. See a list of capabilities and definitions in Appendix A of the State Overview and Guidelines.

9. Explain the financial need for this grant to support this project. Please include if any jurisdictional funds are being used, and how you plan to financially maintain and sustain the project.

The urgency of the request stems from the City's critical need to upgrade outdated communication infrastructure, which directly impacts the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement operations. While the City Council acknowledges the importance of this initiative, competing high-priority projects currently constrain the City's ability to allocate sufficient funds internally. This Project has been prioritized for seeking grant funding for the initial capital expenditure required for new radios. As previously mentioned, the City is actively looking for grant funding opportunities to ensure required funding for the entire Master Communication Plan.

However, recognizing the indispensable role of ensuring public safety, the City is committed to covering the ongoing maintenance costs of the radios. Maintaining the radios, including annual replacement needs, will be covered by the Information Technology (IT) reserve of the City's General Fund, affirming Valdez's dedication to sustaining the Project and the health of the radios long-term.

Given the financial constraints, securing external funding is essential to proceed with purchasing portable radios for the VPD.

10. This section is **required** to provide a description and itemize expenses for all project components regardless of budget category (this includes travel costs, training fees, planning contracts, etc.). Columns not applicable can be left blank.

*For equipment, please provide the authorized equipment list (AEL) number. The DHS AEL can be found at <u>https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list</u> to look up the number.

Description	AEL # (if equipment)	Qty	Unit Cost	Cost Total	Discipline (drop down options)
Radio, Portable	06CP-01-PORT	25	\$8,000	\$200,000	Law Enforcement
					Choose an item.

11. Can this project be broken out into phases for funding? If so, please provide a possible phasing breakdown.

*Note: Partial funding may be allocated if phases are or are not provided.

The City of Valdez will accept any partial funding if the entirety of the request cannot be awarded. The Project can be broken down per radio (\$8,000 per radio) if necessary.

The Project is part of a larger Master Communications Plan (Plan) to upgrade the entire City's emergency communications infrastructure. The City is in dire need of not only new radios but also a new radio communications tower and tower infrastructure. The City already has complete designs and environmental documentation for the Plan, but needs additional funding in excess of SHSP's typical funding allocations to complete and execute it in its entirety. This Project is already a phased portion of the Plan, which has been broken down into several funding categories:

- THIS PROJECT: Portable radios for the VPD (estimated \$200,000);
- Mobile radios for the VPD (estimated \$167,500);
- Portale and mobile radios for the Valdez Fire Department (estimated at approximately \$650,000);
- New radio tower construction and associated costs (estimated at approximately \$4 million); and
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9. Explain the financial need for this grant to support this project. Please include if any jurisdictional funds are being used, and how you plan to financially maintain and sustain the project.

The urgency of the request stems from the City's critical need to upgrade outdated communication infrastructure, which directly impacts the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement operations. While the City Council acknowledges the importance of this initiative, competing high-priority projects currently constrain the City's ability to allocate sufficient funds internally. This Project has been prioritized for seeking grant funding for the initial capital expenditure required for new radios. As previously mentioned, the City is actively looking for grant funding opportunities to ensure required funding for the entire Master Communication Plan.

However, recognizing the indispensable role of ensuring public safety, the City is committed to covering the ongoing maintenance costs of the radios. Maintaining the radios, including annual replacement needs, will be covered by the Information Technology (IT) reserve of the City's General Fund, affirming Valdez's dedication to sustaining the Project and the health of the radios long-term.

Given the financial constraints, securing external funding is essential to proceed with purchasing mobile radios for the VPD.

10. This section is **required** to provide a description and itemize expenses for all project components regardless of budget category (this includes travel costs, training fees, planning contracts, etc.). Columns not applicable can be left blank.

*For equipment, please provide the authorized equipment list (AEL) number. The DHS AEL can be found at <u>https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list</u> to look up the number.

Description	AEL # (if equipment)	Qty	Unit Cost	Cost Total	Discipline (drop down options)
Radio, Mobile	06CP-01-MOBL	25	\$6,700	\$167,500	Law Enforcement
					Choose an item.

11. Can this project be broken out into phases for funding? If so, please provide a possible phasing breakdown.

*Note: Partial funding may be allocated if phases are or are not provided.

The City of Valdez will accept any partial funding if the entirety of the request cannot be awarded. The Project can be broken down per radio (\$6,700 per radio) if necessary.

The Project is part of a larger Master Communications Plan (Plan) to upgrade the entire City's emergency communications infrastructure. The City is in dire need of not only new radios but also a new radio communications tower and tower infrastructure. The City already has complete designs and environmental documentation for the Plan, but needs additional funding in excess of SHSP's typical funding allocations to complete and execute it in its entirety. This Project is already a phased portion of the Plan, which has been broken down into several funding categories:

- THIS PROJECT: Mobile radios for the VPD (estimated \$167,500);
- Portable radios for the VPD (estimated \$200,000);
- Portale and mobile radios for the Valdez Fire Department (estimated at approximately \$650,000);
- New radio tower construction and associated costs (estimated at approximately \$4 million); and
- New radio tower infrastructure (estimated at approximately \$1 million).

Project Applications and Cover Sheet may be submitted electronically (in PDF format with complete signatures), by mail, or by fax, to:

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Attn: Homeland Security Grants Administrator PO Box 5750 JBER, Alaska 99505-5750

Email: mva.grants@alaska.gov

Fax: (907) 428-7009 Phone: (907) 428-7000 or 1-800-478-2337

Grant Pr	ogram(s):			Effective	Date		
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Chief Finar	ncial Officer						
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Subgrantee/Jurisdiction Signatory Authority

Obligating Award Document

The grant Obligating Award Document requires the identification of three (3) separate individuals and their positions; Project Manager, Chief Financial Officer, and Signatory Official and original signatures from the Project Manager, Chief Financial Officer and the Signatory Official. The signatory official's shall be:

- Project Manager; The individual that has the overall responsibility for implementation of the grant project(s).
- Chief Financial Officer; The individual that has final fiscal responsibility and authority for the jurisdiction. (Examples: Financial Officer, Controller, Comptroller, Finance Chief, Financial Manager, etc.)
- Signatory Official; The individual that has final executive authority and responsibility for the jurisdiction. (Examples; Mayor, City Manager)

The signatory officials on the Obligating Award Document and amendments can not be delegated. Changes to these individuals may require an amendment to the original document.

Quarterly Progress Reports

Both the Narrative and Financial Progress Reports require two (2) signatures to ensure appropriate responsibility and accountability for project activities and expenditures.

Required signatures on the Narrative Progress Report:

- Project Manager
- Signatory Official

Required signatures on the Financial Progress Report

- Project Manager
- Chief Financial Officer

Delegation of Signatory Authority

The Chief Financial Officer, Signatory Official, and the Project Manager may delegate signature authority to another individual(s) (delegate) for the Narrative and Financial Progress Reports only. The jurisdiction must submit the Signatory Authority Form upon acceptance of the Obligating Award Document. No changes to this document will be accepted without prior written request and approval from DHS&EM. The jurisdiction must be in compliance with the following:

- The delegate(s) for the Chief Financial Officer or the Signatory Official cannot be the Project Manager nor can the delegate(s) be subordinate to the Project Manager.
- DHS&EM will maintain a copy of the delegation request on file and will apply it to the appropriate grant report. If the delegation letter is not on file, the report will be returned to the jurisdiction.
- DHS&EM reserves the right to accept and authorize the delegation of signatory authority for all grants identified for that jurisdiction.

Proof of local jurisdiction Citizen Corps national database registration to support Citizen Corps/Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Project

Not Applicable

Valdez Procurement Policy

Policy can be found <u>HERE</u>

Valdez Travel Policy

Not Applicable – Travel not Requested

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Current Sam.gov registration has been renewed & expires 3.19.2024

Unique Entity ID:	Doing Business As:	Purpose of Registration:	Expiration Date
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Submitted Registration

N/A

Purpose of Registration

All Awards

Physical Address

212 Chenega AVE Valdez, Alaska 99686-0000, United States

Mailing Address **PO Box 307**

212 Chenega AVE. Valdez, Alaska 99686-0307, United States

Version

Submitted Registration

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Doing Business As (blank)

URL **(blank)**

State / Country of Incorporation (blank)

Division Name (blank)

Division Number (**blank**)

Congressional District Alaska 00

Registration Dates

Activation Date (blank)

Submission Date Mar 20, 2023 Initial Registration Date Apr 17, 2003

Entity Dates

Entity Start Date Jul 1, 1901

Fiscal Year End Close Date **Dec 31**

Immediate Owner

CAGE (blank)

Legal Business Name (blank)

Highest Level Owner

CAGE (blank)

Legal Business Name (blank)

Executive Compensation

In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization (the legal entity to which this specific SAM record, represented by a Unique Entity ID, belongs) receive both of the following: 1. 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements and 2. \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?

No

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives in your business or organization (the legal entity to which this specific SAM record, represented by a Unique Entity ID, belongs) through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

Not Selected

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Proceedings Questions

Is your business or organization, as represented by the Unique Entity ID on this entity registration, responding to a Federal procurement opportunity that contains the provision at FAR 52.209-7, subject to the clause in FAR 52.209-9 in a current Federal contract, or applying for a Federal grant opportunity which contains the award term and condition described in 2 C.F.R. 200 Appendix XII?

Yes

Does your business or organization, as represented by the Unique Entity ID on this specific SAM record, have current active Federal contracts and/or grants with total value (including any exercised/unexercised options) greater than \$10,000,000?

No

Within the last five years, had the business or organization (represented by the Unique Entity ID on this specific SAM record) and/or any of its principals, in connection with the award to or performance by the business or organization of a Federal contract or grant, been the subject of a Federal or State (1) criminal proceeding resulting in a conviction or other acknowledgment of fault; (2) civil proceeding resulting in a finding of fault with a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, and/or damages greater than \$5,000, or other acknowledgment of fault; in a finding of fault with either a monetary fine or penalty greater than \$5,000 or reimbursement, restitution, or damages greater than \$100,000, or other acknowledgment of fault?

Not Selected

SAM Search Authorization

I authorize my entity's non-sensitive information to be displayed in SAM public search results:

Yes

ENTITY TYPES

Business Types

Entity Structure U.S. Government Entity

Organization Factors (blank)

Entity Type US Local Government Profit Structure (blank)

Socio-Economic Types

Check the registrant's Reps & Certs, if present, under FAR 52.212-3 or FAR 52.219-1 to determine if the entity is an SBA-certified HUBZone small business concern. Additional small business information may be found in the SBA's Dynamic Small Business Search if the entity completed the SBA supplemental pages during registration.

Government Types

U.S. Local Government, Municipality, City, Local Government Owned

Other Government Entities

Port Authority, Airport Authority, Council of Governments

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Accepts Credit Card Payments Yes

Debt Subject To Offset (What is this?) No

Account Details

TAXPAYER INFORMATION

EIN *****0143

Taxpayer Name
VALDEZ CITY OF

Name/Title of Individual Executing Consent **Comptroller**

Signature Barb Rusher

Address 212 Chenega AVE Valdez, Alaska 99686 United States

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Type of Tax Applicable Federal Tax

Tax Year (Most Recent Tax Year) 2021

TIN Consent Date Mar 20, 2023

POINTS OF CONTACT

Accounts Receivable POC

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Spending Plan to Expend Balance of Remaining FFY 2021 and 2022 SHSP Funds

Not Applicable

Memorandum of Understanding – Radio Communications

Coast Guard District 17 and the City of Valdez

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

United States Coast Guard Commander Coast Guard District Seventeen P.O. Box 25517 Juneau, AK 99802-5517 Staff Symbol: dt Phone: (907) 463-2222 Fax: (907) 463-2216 Email:Beau.J.James@.uscg.mil

2400 May 18, 2020

City of Valdez Attn: Department of Information Technology 212 Chenega Ave. P.O Box 307 Valdez, AK 99686

Dear Mr. Osburn,

With this letter, Coast Guard District Seventeen is formally establishing a written agreement with the City of Valdez allowing your agency to utilize Channel 21A (157.050 MHz), 22A (157.100 MHz), 23A (157.150 MHz), 81A (157.075 MHz) and 83A (157.175 MHz) in communicating with Coast Guard assets.

The use of 21A, 22A, 23A, 81A and 83A are subject to the following guidelines:

- a. Use shall be limited solely to communications with the U.S. Coast Guard on matters related to safety, search, rescue, law enforcement and environmental protection activities. The use of these frequencies to communicate with non-Coast Guard users is not authorized.
- b. Use by your agency will not interfere with U.S. Coast Guard communications.
- c. Usage authorization is on a temporary basis for a period no longer than 5 years.
- d. Temporary periods are renewable and require a new letter of concurrence from this office.
- e. The Commanding Officer of each regional Coast Guard Sector is controlling authority for use of these frequencies within his/her area of responsibility. You are subject to the controls and limitations as set forth by him/her.
- f. Use of this frequency shall be immediately terminated upon request of the U.S. Coast. Guard in the event that US Coast Guard operations warrant such a request.
- g. This letter supersedes any prior authorizations regarding your agency's use of 21A, 22A, 23A, 81A and 83A.
- h. This agreement does not relieve your agency of the requirement of obtaining a valid FCC license to operate on 21A, 22A, 23A, 81A and 83A.

Subj: City of Valdez Letter of Concurrence

2400 May 18, 2020

The Seventeenth Coast Guard District is divided into two separate Areas of Responsibility (AOR). While utilizing these frequencies, you are subject to the control and limitations of the appropriate Sector Commander for that AOR.

Subject to your acceptance of these conditions, this agreement will remain valid until superseded by future correspondence. This agreement will remain in effect for 5 years at which time your office will be required to renew this agreement. Further liaison with the appropriate Commander for a specific AOR is recommended. The Coast Guard Commanders may be reached using the following numbers: Sector Juneau (907) 463-2731 and Sector Anchorage (907) 271-6928. Include a copy of this letter with your request to the FCC should such a request be necessary.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to continued positive interaction and cooperation with your agency.

My point of contact is Mr. William Zuiderduin at (907) 463-2202.

Sincerely, mel CDR Beau James, PMP

J.

Chief of ¢4IT 17th Coast Guard District U.S. Coast Guard

Copy: COMDT (CG-672) CG PACAREA (6) Commander Sector Anchorage Commander Sector Juneau

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