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Dear Mrs. Schmidt,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Alaska Department of transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program. Enclosed please find the City and Borough of Sitka's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant – tier II application for Eliason Harbor Electrical Replacement project.

Eliason Harbor, once referred to as New Thomsen Harbor, was designed by the ADOT&PF and constructed in two phases beginning in 1996 and completed in 1999. Although this facility is only 21 years old, the electrical systems are failing. The main feeder cable to the harbor has failed multiple times, in each case requiring harbor, Electric, Fire and Police Department response and even resulting in a small fire on the main float. In addition, significant corrosion of the electrical components and lack of code required ground fault protection in the electrical system must be addressed as soon as possible. A condition assessment completed by Morris Engineering Group further validates our heightened concern for the facility. This report is included in our application package.

As evidence of our proactive approach toward maintaining our public harbor system, the City and Borough of Sitka completed a comprehensive Harbor System master Plan in 2012. This study provides an engineering assessment of the existing condition of municipal harbor infrastructure, provides budgetary cost estimates for the necessary improvements, and organizes the projects into a Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan. The Master plan also recommends a moorage rate structure to provide the necessary capital funding to implement the CIP plan. The Port & Harbors Commission and Assembly have consistently supported annual increases with another 5% rate increase for FY2021.

Eliason Harbor Electrical Replacement is an important grant eligible project identified within the CIP plan. The City and Borough of Sitka is requesting \$1,760,000 grant to assist with this project and has committed to providing the necessary match funding. Match funding is anticipated to be provided from working capital or bond.

Once again, we appreciate this opportunity. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call Public Works at (907)-747-1804 or the Sitka Harbor Department at (907)-747-3439.

Sincerely,

John Leach, Municipal Administrator

City and Borough of Sitka