1. Applicant Identification: City of Whittier, PO Box 608, Whittier AK 99693

2. Funding Requested
   a. Assessment Grant Type: Community-wide
   b. Federal Funds Requested
      i. $500,000
      ii. Not Applicable

3. Location
   a) City of Whittier
   b) Valdez-Cordova Census Area
   c) Alaska

4. Target Area and Priority Site/Property Information – Community-wide
   o Buckner Building – multiple sites within
   o CT 3
   o Buckner Building, Shotgun Cove Road, Whittier, Alaska

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      citymanager@whittieralaska.gov
      907-202-2442

   b. Chief Executive/Highest Ranking Elected Official
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      PO Box 608, Whittier AK 99693
      mayor@whittieralaska.gov
      907-472-2327

6. Population
   • 272
7. Other Factors. If none of the Other Factors apply to your community/proposed project, please provide a statement to that effect.

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8. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority: See attached

9. Releasing Copies of Applications
The applicant understands that the information included will be treated in accordance with 40 CFR §2.203. No passages are considered confidential.
November 17, 2021

ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Jim Hunt
City of Whittier
PO Box 608
Whittier, AK 99693

RE: State Environmental Authority Letter

Dear Mr. Hunt,

This letter acknowledges that the City of Whittier notified the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the designated State Environmental Authority, that Whittier is submitting a 2022 Brownfields Assessment Grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

DEC Brownfields is committed to assisting Alaska communities in their efforts to address brownfields properties. We believe the proposal to be a positive and necessary step to address the Buckner Building project area. We are aware that the City of Whittier is planning further work in three operable units identified within the project area to assess the presence and extent of several sources and types of contamination.

Previously, DEC has assisted Whittier on assessing contamination of the Buckner Building through DEC’s Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup (DBAC) program. We believe a successful award from EPA would greatly assist the City in their efforts to address contamination within the project area and get this property back into productive use.

This letter establishes Whittier’s compliance with the notification requirements of Threshold Criterion for EPA Brownfield Assessment Grants. We wish Whittier well on both their pursuit of EPA assistance, and success in addressing their priority brownfields site in the city.

Please contact me directly if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Marc Thomas
Environmental Program Specialist
(907) 465-5206
P.O. Box 111800
Juneau, AK 99811
Electronic cc: Bill O'Connell, ADEC
Anne Marie Palmieri, ADEC
Lisa Griswold, ADEC
Terri Griffith, U.S. EPA
Madison Sanders-Curry, U.S. EPA
1. **PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION**

1.a. **Target Area and Brownfields**

1.a.i. **Background and Description of Target Area:** Often cited as one of America’s most isolated towns, the developed “townsite” of Whittier, Alaska (Whittier/City), population 272, covers an area of just 1 square mile at the western point of the scenic Passage Canal, a fjord of Prince William Sound (PWS). Whittier is the gateway port to/from native Alutiiq communities on PWS, such as Tatitlek, Eyak (Cordova), and Chenega Bay, which are only accessible by air or water. The entire Whittier city-limit boundary covers approximately 17 sq. miles; however, with glaciers and open water covering approximately 20% of the area, only around 8,000 acres exist as land. With steep grades in excess of 33%, most of this existing land area cannot be easily developed, which limits the amount and type of growth and development that can occur in Whittier. Whittier is also a highly seismic area. Of the earthquakes of magnitude five or greater that occurred in the United States between 1995 and 2015, 85% took place in Alaska. In 1964, the second-strongest earthquake ever recorded shook Southcentral Alaska at a Richter Scale magnitude of 9.2. The epicenter was in Unakwik Inlet in Prince William Sound, less than 40 miles from Whittier. The City exists in relative isolation as it is 80 air or 90 water miles southwest of Valdez, and Anchorage (393,700 pop.) is 47 air/62 road miles to the west. By road, Whittier is only accessible by a 2.5-mile, one-lane, toll tunnel that is shared with rail traffic transporting freight to/from Whittier’s port. Whittier is the closest year-round, ice-free port to Anchorage and is a focal point for marine activity and freight transfer for sea-train barges servicing Southcentral Alaska. Whittier is located within the Chugach Census Area in an unorganized borough and is just outside the boundaries of the Anchorage Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Although the Whittier townsite wasn’t developed until the 20th Century, the Alutiiq People have lived off the land and sea here for millennia. Originally called Oyotu and Tuxtaq by the Chugachigmiut (an Alutiiq People who speak the Chugach dialect), the Whittier area was utilized by native Alaskans as a small camp and portage route for accessing the Turnagain Arm from Prince William Sound. Later, explorers and prospectors traversed Portage Pass as they found the area to be the quickest route from the Sound to Cook Inlet and interior Alaska. Whittier’s unique setting is on a relatively narrow fjord surrounded by snow-capped mountains and glaciers. The Alaska Engineering Commission first envisioned the community of Whittier in 1914. It was not until the late 1940s that the Army constructed deep-water port facilities, massive concrete warehouses, a tank farm fuel storage facility, two major complexes to house troops, and a small network of roads, streets, and utility systems. Because of its geography, Whittier is subject to strong winds and weather common to both coastal mountains and open coast. The normally overcast skies formed by trapped clouds at the junction of the Chugach and Kenai Ranges made Whittier a difficult target for enemy bombers during World War II. This unique cloud cover, along with its year-round ice-free port, made it a strategic location during the war. The U.S. Army moved troops and supplies through Whittier to the Aleutian Islands. At the height of military activities in the 1950s, over 1,300 people lived in Whittier.

When the final military transport left Whittier in October 1960, private businesses suffered. Without military clientele, the population dropped to 65 people by 1963. Today, close to 300 people live in Whittier year-round, representing a 75% decline from the City’s peak population. Our residents continue to suffer from the lingering impacts of blight, financial strain, and environment contamination associated with the military exodus over six decades ago. Through the opening of the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel to vehicle traffic in the summer of 2000 and the return of cruise ships in 2004, Whittier experienced, and continues to experience, an influx of seasonal workers for fish processing, construction, recreation, tourism, and other seasonal employment opportunities until the on-set of the Covid-19 Pandemic in early 2020.

1.a.ii. **Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s):** The priority site(s) to be addressed by this grant are separate zones or areas associated with the City-owned Buckner Building property. The Buckner Building is an imposing long-vacant former military barracks and administrative offices covering approximately 2.8 acres on the eastern side of the town where the start of Shotgun Cove Road intersects Blackstone Road. The City acquired the six story building and land through tax foreclosure in 2016. Sadly, the building has been neglected since the 1960s and can no longer be restored for human occupation due to the building’s structural and environmental condition. Given that the Buckner Building site was originally developed by the federal government, and ultimately transitioned from federal ownership to City ownership, to private ownership, and ultimately back to City ownership due to tax foreclosure, the city petitioned EPA Region 10...
to verify that the Buckner Building site would be eligible for Brownfield Grant funding in advance of the development of this application. In an email dated October 6, 2021, Ms. Susan Morales, US EPA Region 10, confirmed that the City of Whittier is eligible as an applicant for Brownfield competitive grants and eligible to assess the sites/zones at the Buckner Building, as information provided to EPA was sufficient to demonstrate that the city did not cause or contribute to the contamination and maintained a liability exemption under CERCLA 101(20)(D) during both periods of ownership. The deteriorating ~300,000 sf structure has been a blighting force on the community of Whittier for decades. While the Buckner site is fully fenced, it continues to be a target of vandals and “urban explorers”, as such it represents a significant health and safety hazard. Given that the Whittier townsite covers only 1 square mile, much of which is owned by the Alaska Railroad, the Buckner Building site is one of the only areas in the City where construction is feasible. Due to the complexity, size, and degraded state of the Buckner building, the building and property will be addressed as three separate Sites/Zones:

**Buckner Building Site/Zone #1: Aboveground Floors – Ground to 4th Floor (~220,000 sf):** As noted, based on recently completed structural studies, the Buckner Building has degraded to a point that it cannot be repurposed. As such, it must be demolished in order to make way for site reuse. Funded activities associated with Site/Zone #1 will include a comprehensive pre-demolition building material survey during which asbestos containing materials, lead based paint, and other building hazards will be quantified. Next, an analysis of brownfield alternatives (ABCA) report will be developed which outlines the strategy for phasing abatement and demolition of Site/Zone #1 and the balance of the building and associated property.

**Buckner Building Site/Zone #2: Sub-Grade Floor – Basement (~60,000 sf):** Site #2 includes the areas of the building that formerly housed mechanical rooms, a gun-firing range, and laundry/dry-cleaning operations. Over the years, the basement has become flooded with storm water. The assessment grant will fund the characterization of accumulated water and sediment in the building’s basement, and a pre-demolition lead-based paint and asbestos containing survey will be completed. In addition, an inventory of the remaining industrial/mechanical equipment formerly used to operate the Buckner Building (i.e. transformers, boilers, generators, switchgear, dry-cleaning equipment, etc.), and additional sampling will be completed to evaluate impacts from said equipment. Data derived from these efforts will be integrated into the ABCA for the site. Any salvageable equipment of historic value will be donated to the Prince William Sound Museum. Other equipment will be offered for recycle.

**Buckner Building Site/Zone #3: Exterior and Subsurface (64,468 sf; 1.48 acres):** This Site includes the associated 1.48 acres located outside the footprint of the building. The surface soil, subsurface soil, and groundwater will be assessed to determine the clean-up requirements (if any) and a design for remediation will be prepared. Further, there are also tunnels associated with the property that will be assessed as part of Site/Zone #3. Data derived from these efforts will be integrated into the ABCA for the Buckner Building Property. Any salvageable equipment of historic value will be donated to the Prince William Sound Museum. Other equipment will be offered for recycle.

**Buckner Building Site Reuse:** Relative to site reuse, as the project progresses and as the environmental hazards associated with the building are abated, concrete rubble will be crushed for use as aggregate for future roadway and construction projects. Metal equipment will be offered for recycle. Based on community need, the intent would be to reuse the property for a mix of work-force housing, commercial development, and public facilities.

**Secondary/Additional Sites:** The City of Whittier anticipates that a maximum of $200,000 will be dedicated to assessment and planning efforts associated with the Buckner Building and its respective sites/zones. Other sites in the City to be addressed by the Assessment Grant will be identified through further discussions and community involvement activities; as an example, the City has been approached by a party interested in building a mixed-use development on surplus property. This proposed assessment grant would fund the environmental due diligence for this property.

**1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area**

**1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plan:** As one of the only unused properties in the City, it is imperative that the Buckner Building be razed to allow for future development. Again, based on community need, the intent would be to reuse the property for a mix of work-force housing, commercial development, and public facilities. The assessment and reuse of the sites align with the community input
associated with the development of the **Whittier Comprehensive Plan 2020** (Plan). In 2020, the Whittier Planning and Zoning Commission prepared the Plan to provide a thorough review of the current state of the City and to outline the goals and objectives for the next five years. The planning process took place between March 2019 and January 2020 and served to update the 2012 Whittier Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the 2020 comprehensive planning process was to engage with the community and receive input to create a plan that reflects the future needs and desires of the Whittier community. Additionally, the Plan provides a vision for the future of Whittier, outlines clear priorities, and balances growth potential with practical limitations. This Plan is designed to be a guide for the community, City officials, and administrators as they continue detailed project planning and development, build partnerships for implementation, and source funding over the next five years. The Buckner Building site was specifically named as a priority in the planning process. Due to the size and significance of the property, its reuse and redevelopment will facilitate revitalization of the City, making it a safer and more economically vibrant hub that provides vital community services for City and area PWS residents alike. The regional importance of the Buckner Building site was also noted in the Prince William Sound Economic Development District (PWSEDD) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2016-2021 (Strategy). PWSEDD has served as a state- and federally-designated regional development organization. It serves the communities of Chenega Bay, Cordova, Tatitlek, Valdez, and Whittier. The Strategy specifically calls for the advancement of assessment and mitigation of brownfield issues at the site. Through the brownfields program, we will address potential contamination threats in both the structure and land, which will be an integral step in achieving the region’s cooperative vision for the Buckner Building property.

**1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy:** The proposed project will provide environmental due diligence, cleanup planning, and reuse planning services necessary to position the Buckner Building and other priority properties for redevelopment. Due to geographic isolation, lack of job opportunities, and other environmental factors outlined in section 2a, most residents of Whittier and surrounding PWS communities are at a significant disadvantage as compared to other towns in Southcentral Alaska where infrastructure investments have provided reasonable access to essential services. Proposed grant funded activities will accommodate new investments by stimulating the availability of other funds and resources, and creating new jobs. Specific outcomes include increased property tax revenues and increased access to essential services. The Buckner Building is a blighting influence on our community and both documented and perceived environmental concerns represent significant roadblocks to reuse/redevelopment. Once assessed and cleaned up (possibly by subsequent cleanup grants), the Buckner Building property and other sites assessed by this grant will lead to redevelopment and reuse projects that have the potential to bring jobs and needed resources (parks, pedestrian and transportation improvements, healthy food options, alternative residential housing) while improving the area’s natural beauty. COVID-19 has also worked against forward progress and the execution of other aspects of the Whittier comprehensive Plan 2020 by limiting workforce and hindering community development and engagement opportunities. The award and execution of this requested FY2022 EPA Community-wide Brownfield Assessment Grant will begin to address the stigma, blight and health issues created by the Buckner Building and other Brownfields and is the essential first step in enabling the City to effectively re-visit available economic revitalization strategies (see section 1.b.ii) and create new reuse opportunities. As the City is the gateway to Prince William Sound, the reuse and redevelopment of the Buckner Building property and the City’s other Brownfields will have positive impacts on this important yet disadvantaged region.

**1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources**

**1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse:** The reuse and redevelopment projects that will be facilitated by this brownfield assessment project will require both public and private investment. The City is eligible for a number of possible funding programs. For example, the City could apply for funding through USDA for construction of much-needed residential housing. There are partnership opportunities for funding through the AIDEA, should the City pursue a public/private partnership for development. The City could consider tax-exempt borrowing for construction of public facilities that would benefit the community. Alaska’s CDBG program and grants through the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development would assist with a variety of economic development opportunities. The City will work with community partners, including PWSEDD to identify potential developers and investors willing to support
intended redevelopment concepts or other suitable revitalization projects. The City is also eligible to apply for grants and loans from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Service (DBAC), which would assist with the clean-up of environmental issues. The City is planning to leverage the current round of DBAC funding (applications due February 11, 2022) to begin to execute prioritized cleanup actions at the Buckner Building. Additionally, PWSEDD is seeking an FY2022 EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant. The City of Whittier, and specifically the Buckner Building, are defined as the Target area/site in the RLF grant application. Again, by quantifying the environmental unknowns and developing an actionable plan for the Buckner Building with FY2022 Assessment Grant funds, the City will improve the current blighted condition of a prominent City property, create a safer community, and increase tourism by beautifying the entry to Shotgun Cove and Passage Canal, which is the City’s most valuable pristine area. Further, these actions will expedite redevelopment and realize both economic and community goals.

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure: The target area is supported by an established network of municipal roads, water, and sewer, electricity, and broadband/fiber optic cable (commercial needs). Further, streets, rail, and sidewalks are in place to promote vehicular and pedestrian access. The City has included planning dollars in this budget to assess/identify additional infrastructure elements, such as improved broadband/internet capacity (residents), which may be required once reuse plans are more fully developed.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.a. Community Need

2.a.i. The Community’s Need for Funding: Whittier is a small city with an unemployment rate (21.2%) nearly three times the unemployment rate of the State of Alaska (7.2%) and four times the national unemployment rate (5.3%) per US Census data, 2019 five-year estimates (CENSUS). A small population compounded by a high unemployment rate equates to decreased tax revenues for the City. As an example, Whittier’s total revenue/resources for fiscal year 2018 were $6,398,558 but the expenditures were $5,951,853; if it were not for the cruise ship tax special revenue fund ($674,320.00 (2018 value)) the city would have been deficient by $227,615. During both 2020 and 2021 COVID-19 pandemic largely eliminated the volume of cruise ship vacationers, thereby eliminating this contribution to the budget. The excess funds from previous years are held for operational costs as these greatly fluctuate from year to year and capital expenditures due to short depreciation times caused by weather and location, leaving no resources for assessment or reuse planning at the scale proposed by this grant. Further compounding need in the City is the current COVID-19 crisis. As noted in the New York Times, Alaska rates of infection have recently spiked considerably (average 1,000 new cases daily through October and November 2021).

2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations: Our community suffers greatly in terms of health and welfare threats that persist here. The majority of our citizens can be classified as members of sensitive populations. In our small community: 41.8% of our people are from minority races (primarily native Alaskan); 23.6% are children; and 10.4% of our people are aged 65 years and older (CENSUS). According to the Whittier Comprehensive Plan, there are currently 295 housing units with approximately 70% of those units in the same structure (Begich Towers); which was built in the 1960s as military housing. Of the 295 housing units, only 15% are owner-occupied and 56% are seasonally vacant, which leads to rapid deterioration from neglect. The aging vacant buildings in Whittier (including the priority site) contribute to blight and the propensity for crime, such as vandalism. The estimated property crime rate in Whittier is ranked 39.1 on a 100 scale, compared to the US average of 35.4 (based on FBI Crime Statistics).

The presence of brownfields, geographic isolation, and lack of government resources impact the health and welfare of all our residents, but it’s the majority belonging to sensitive populations (section 1.a) who are hit hardest. Blight, lack of employment, poverty, and proximity to brownfields in the target area can compound or trigger physical and mental health issues, such as depression/anxiety. According to the Comprehensive Plan, The Whittier Community Health Center is operated by the Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EATS) and is located in the Public Safety Building. The clinic is currently operating only one day per week as a result of staffing shortages and the impact of COVID-19, and EATS is currently deciding whether to close the community’s only healthcare facility. Ordinarily the clinic is open Monday through
Friday and has a sliding fee scale based on household size and income. The closest full-service hospital is in Anchorage, more than an hour away and only accessible by toll during tunnel operating hours (15 hours per day in the winter). Given that only one part-time medical facility exists in town, operated during limited hours, Whittier is a medically underserved area (MUA). Further, the impact of COVID-19 has been devastating to the welfare of our Community overall. The grant will help identify proposed reuses of the priority sites, such as medical professional services including primary care and mental health providers, alternative locations to live, and new locations for stores and restaurants. Potential new youth recreation facilities will engage young people and reduce/prevent their participation in drug-use and crime.

Redevelopment concepts for the priority sites will address health and welfare issues in the community, which will lead to improved living conditions for all our residents but most importantly for our predominant sensitive populations. This project will enable Whittier to begin to erase the signs of neglect, its faded military past, crime, and blight by creating an environment that residents are proud to call home.

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions: Health conditions in Whittier are exacerbated by a seriously limited choice of residential housing, the inability of local residents to be able to distance themselves from brownfields sites, and the lack of access to services and healthy foods (the Whittier area is denoted “Low Access” on the USDA Food Access Research Atlas which includes census tracts where at least 33% of a rural population lives farther than 10 miles from the nearest full-service supermarket – Whittier residents travel more than an hour by car to reach the nearest full-service supermarket). Further, the imposing presence of blighted properties, especially the Buckner Building which is visible from all parts of the Whittier townsite, can compound or trigger mental health issues, such as depression/anxiety. Based on data from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IMHE) at the University of Washington, self-harm and interpersonal violence mortality for the Valdez-Cordova Census Area (predecessor of the Chugach Census Area) is 47.2% higher for males and 53.3% higher for females than the national average. Additionally, mortality due to mental and substance use disorders is a staggering 73.8% higher for males and 87.8% higher for females as compared to the national average (IMHE US County Profile: Valdez-Cordova Census Area, 2014 – most recent available).

Contaminants that exist at the target sites include asbestos, lead, petroleum, and other hazardous substances. These contaminants can have serious impacts on the health of our residents living and working in proximity to brownfields sites. Lead is a documented contaminant associated with the Buckner Building. According to the EPA Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (EJSCREEN), the Census Tract that includes Whittier has a Lead Paint Indicator of 0.6, which is one of the highest in the entire State of Alaska (99th percentile) and is in the 83rd percentile for the US. This is exacerbated by the fact that approximately 80% of our population lives within 2,000 ft of the Buckner Building. Even low levels of lead in the blood of children can result in permanent damage to the brain and nervous system, leading to behavior and learning problems, which is an urgent concern and significant hazard to the 11.6% of Whittier residents age 9 and under (CENSUS). Pregnant women are also highly vulnerable to lead exposure and 47.8% of Whittier’s population are women of typical child-bearing age (age 15-44) which is significantly higher than the national average of 38.7% (CENSUS). Asbestos, another potential contaminant can cause lung cancer, asbestosis (a scarring of the lungs caused by breathing asbestos fibers); and mesothelioma, a rare cancer of the membrane that covers the lungs. Breathing petroleum vapors can cause nervous system issues, blood pressure effects (such as headache, nausea, and dizziness), and respiratory irritation. Chronic exposure to petroleum products may affect the nervous system, blood and kidneys. Gasoline contains benzene, a known human carcinogen, and diesel contains naphthalene, a likely human carcinogen (CDC.gov); both of which are suspected contaminants at the Buckner Building property. The assessment of sites and the cleanup of those contaminants can reduce these exposures and facilitate improvement in health statistics. Tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer rates are significantly higher in the Valdez-Cordova Census Area (Whittier included in this area) where the rate per 100,000 population of these types of cancer in Alaska is 48.5 for women and 64.5 for men. In the US the rates are 43.8 and 67.6 respectively. The tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer rates are markedly higher: 57.2 for women and 71.9 for men (Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Univ. of WA).

(3) Promoting Environmental Justice: Whittier’s current residents disproportionately share in the negative environmental consequences resulting from the government’s abandonment of the Buckner...
Building and other facilities in 1960. The area has one of the highest lead paint exposure risks in Alaska, a product of the initial infrastructure investment in the 1940s and subsequent abandonment without assessment, cleanup, and restoration. Residents have encountered additional disenfranchisement through a 30% budget cut in the Alaskan Marine Highway System in 2019, resulting in increased isolation for Whittier and other PWS communities that are heavily reliant on the ferry system. This is especially difficult for our residents who are members of sensitive populations, and especially for those who rely on the ferry system for jobs. The table below outlines the percentiles for susceptibility to various diseases and exposure risks in Whittier as compared to EPA Region 10 and the US.

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Isolation and lack of access to essential services such as primary care, dental and mental health care providers, and emergency healthcare services and transport means that residents here are more likely to suffer from or die from chronic health conditions that are caused or exacerbated by hazardous substances or petroleum contaminants from Brownfields sites, like the Buckner Building. To address these poor health and welfare issues affecting our sensitive populations, the grant strategy will focus on assessing and developing community driven reuse plans that will leverage funding for the City and the region to improve health and welfare-related programs. Assessment and planning efforts funded by this project will allow the City to identify the actual risks on the sites and take actions to mitigate potential environmental threats during strategic planning and infrastructure development for a complete vision for a healthy and economically vibrant Whittier. The project will draw upon existing resources and support a plan for prioritized site reuse, including workforce housing, essential services, and protection of natural resources.

2.b. Community Engagement

2.b.i. Project Partners and ii. Project Partner Roles:

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<td>Prince William Sound Economic Development District</td>
<td>Kristin Carpenter, Executive <a href="mailto:director@pwsedd.org">director@pwsedd.org</a>, 907.424.5533</td>
<td>PWSedd is applying for FY2022 EPA RLF grant that will provide both subgrants and low interest loans to the City and Developers to cleanup the Buckner Building site and other properties throughout the PWS Region.</td>
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<td>Whittier Chamber of Commerce</td>
<td>Kelly Bender, <a href="mailto:lazyottr@mtaonline.net">lazyottr@mtaonline.net</a>, 907.529.0235</td>
<td>The Chamber of Commerce is an economic development partner helping to identify priority reuse plans and potential public/private partnership opportunities.</td>
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<td>Tatitlek Corporation and PWS Salt Co.</td>
<td>Nick Olzenak, <a href="mailto:nick@akmining.com">nick@akmining.com</a>; 907.230.8969</td>
<td>Tatitlek is a native corporation partnering with the City to lease property for commercial development. Possible partnership opportunities for economic development in the Region.</td>
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<td>Huna-Totem Corporation</td>
<td>Russel Dick, CEO, <a href="mailto:Russel.dick@hunatotem.com">Russel.dick@hunatotem.com</a>; 907.723.9891</td>
<td>City is partnering with native corporation for potential economic development opportunities related to the Cruise Ship industry that could include housing and retail opportunities.</td>
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2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input: The project goals in terms of its community engagement and partnership efforts are to achieve the following: 1) assist the public in contributing to and understanding the decision-making process during project planning, assessment phases, and cleanup, and the community’s role in that process; 2) provide the public accessible, accurate, timely, and understandable information about the project as it moves forward; 3) ensure adequate time and opportunity for the community to provide informed and meaningful participation and for that input to be considered; 4) reflect community concerns, questions, and information needs; and 5) respect, fully consider and include public input. The City will develop a written Community Involvement Plan (CIP) to document and formalize the process to share information and seek public input to decision-making. Input will be sought on site selection, project planning, and cleanup/reuse planning. The public will be given ample opportunity to submit suggested sites for assessment through community meeting participation. The community can participate in the prioritization process through planning and public meetings. The City will use the following strategies to communicate with the public, including posting meeting notice and flyers in public spaces, distributing...
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3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS
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Notes: Given the pre-emptive community engagement activities and community input on sites, the City expects to complete assessment project activities in 20 months and closeout the grant within 24 months.

Task/Activity 2: Community Engagement
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Non-EPA grant resources needed: in-kind resources including project team staff effort and efforts of community partners who will host and promote participation of community members

ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: Months 3-24, 1st meeting to happen within first 4 months or as pre-award activity.

iii. Task/Activity Lead(s): Project Director with support from QEP and project staff

iv. Output(s): Community Involvement Plan; meeting summaries; community input for reuse plans

Notes: The staff has garnered support from community groups in the development of previous community engagement activities as recently as this year.

**Task/Activity 3: Assessment Phase I, Pre-Demolition, and Data Gap Assessments**

i. Project Implementation: *EPA-funded activities for the priority site(s)—After the generic QAPP is developed, a significant amount of funding will be allocated to the Buckner building in order to identify and address data gaps identified based on a review of existing information. Once data gaps are identified, a comprehensive investigation will be completed relative to each of the three previously identified sub-sites or zones. This work will also include up to 5 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), and 4 Phase II ESAs (including site specific QAPPS). Non-EPA grant resources needed: in-kind resources including staff time for oversight of the QEP and review of all findings/reports/technical activities.

ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: Months 4-24, assessment of the priority site launching by month 4

iii. Task/Activity Lead(s): QEP with oversight by the City project director

iv. Output(s): a) Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP); b) Buckner Building Data Gap Review; c) Environmental Investigation/Pre-demolition Assessment of Buckner Building Sites/Zones 1-3; d) 5 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I ESAs for Secondary/Additional Sites; e) 4 Phase II ESAs (including site specific QAPPS)

Notes: QEP has been contracted through an open bid process as described in section 4.a.iii, which means that the City is poised to initiate activities upon submission of a work plan and execution of cooperative agreement.

**Task/Activity 4: Remediation and Reuse Planning**

i. Project Implementation: As noted below in the list of outputs, initial project effort will be directed to the Buckner building site with the most significant effort being an ABCA for all Buckner building sub-sites/zones. This document will summarize the strategy for cleanup and ultimately reuse of the entire property. Next the QEP will develop a disposition strategy document and a design/bid document for the initial cleanup efforts to be funded by the PWSEDD RLF (if awarded). Additional planning resources will be allocated to the secondary/additional sites, and will include up to 4 ABCAs and concept level reuse plans for sites requiring remediation and redevelopment interest exists. Non-EPA grant resources needed: in-kind resources - planning department and economic development staff effort

ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: Months 16 through 24

iii. Task/Activity Lead(s): QEP will lead the remediation design planning and the project director with assistance from QEP, will lead the reuse planning portion of this activity

iv. Output(s): a) Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternative (ABCA) report for Buckner Building Site/Zones 1 through 3; b) Design/Bidding Document development for initial Cleanup Activities for PWSEDD RLF work; c) Disposition Strategy for the Buckner Building; d) 3 ABCAs for Secondary/Additional sites; e) Concept level reuse plans for 4 Secondary/Additional Properties.

Notes: Proposed planning efforts are a critical component for the City to move sites to valuable reuse. At least one planning meeting will involve members of the public and the community partners.

**3b. Cost Estimates:** Our budget cost estimates were derived by the City based on our experience with grant projects, the running of the City, with input from Prince William Sound EDD and a QEP.

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Task 2 – Community Engagement: Contractual Costs: $25,000 in QEP support are budgeted for drafting a Community Involvement Plan ($5,000) and approximately 200 hours at $100 per hour ($20,000) for community meetings, focus groups & visioning sessions as well as for meetings with site owners and potential developers. Should COVID-19 safety precautions be required, the City and QEP are experienced at conducting virtual community engagement activities online. Task 2 total: $25,000

Task 3 – Assessment: Contractual: QEP to conduct Following Assessment Activities: a.) Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) = $5,000; b.) Buckner Building Data Gap Review: $5,000; c.) Environmental Investigation/Pre-demolition Assessment of Buckner Building Sites/Zones 1 through 3: $125,000 (includes site specific QAPP); d.) 5 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I for Secondary/Additional Sites @ $4,000 each = $20,000.00; and e.) 4 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (including site specific QAPPS) @ $36,250 ea. = $145,000 Task 3 total: $300,000

Task 4–Remediation/Reuse Planning: Contractual Costs: QEP to conduct following planning activities: a.) Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternative (ABCA) report for Buckner Building Site/Zones 1 through 3: $35,000; b.) Design/Bid document development for initial cleanup activities for PWSEDD RLF work (if Awarded): $30,000; c.) Disposition Strategy for Buckner Building: $30,000; d.) 3 ABCAs for Secondary/Additional Properties: $5,000 ea. = $15,000; e.) Concept level reuse plans for 4 secondary/additional properties: $10,000 ea. = $40,000. The QEP contracted by the City includes an Alaska Native Corporation that is an 8a Small disadvantaged Business Enterprise strategy firm. Task 4 total: $150,000

3.c Measuring Environmental Results: The Project Director with support from key staff and the QEP will document, track, and evaluate the following outputs and outcomes continually through quarterly progress reports, annual disadvantaged business enterprise reporting, and in monthly communication with the EPA Project Officer. The activities and outcomes are tracked through a project and invoice management system. Outputs: a.) Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP); b.) Buckner Building Data Gap Review; c.) Environmental Investigation/Pre-demolition Assessment of Buckner Building Sites/Zones 1-3; d.) 5 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I for Secondary/Additional Sites; e.) 4 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (including site specific QAPPS); f.) Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternative (ABCA) report for Buckner Building Site/Zones 1-3; g.) Design/Bidding Document development for initial Cleanup Activities for PWSEDD RLF work; h.) Disposition Strategy for the Buckner Building; i.) three ABCAs for Secondary/Additional sites; j.) Concept-level reuse plans for 4 Secondary/Additional Properties; k.) Number of formal community meetings, l ) Community Involvement Plan; and m.) ACRES data entry. Outcomes: Acres of land redeveloped and square footage of buildings positioned for demolition; Amount of private investment and other funding leveraged; Jobs created or retained; and increased property/sales tax revenue generated. An overall gauge of success will be the number of jobs created and improvement in environmental justice conditions. Should the project run into delays or obstacles, we will work the assigned EPA Project Officer and QEP to implement countermeasures, such as budget reallocation.

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE
4.a. Programmatic Capability

4.a.i. Organizational Capacity and iii. Description of Key Staff: City of Whittier staff has the administrative capacity and experience to manage project implementation, administrative tasks, fiscal management and compliance with applicable federal award conditions and requirements within the 3-year performance period. Jim Hunt, City Manager will serve as project director. As City Manager, Jim is in charge of day-to-day operations of all city departments and staff. Further Mr. Hunt serves as Incident Commander-Emergency Manager for the City. Kris Erchinger, City Finance Director, will serve as Finance Coordinator for the City’s Brownfield Program who regularly manages both state and federal grants. Ms. Erchinger holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Alaska – Anchorage and has more than 30 years of municipal finance experience. Finally, Scott Korbe, Public Works Director will serve as Technical Coordinator and oversees all community improvement projects in the City. The team will participate in monthly project meetings and offer ongoing input in decision making.

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4.b.i and 4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Assistance

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4. Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds

The City of Whittier does not have an open EPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant or Multipurpose Grant.