

EVOS ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

Project Number: 99154

Project Title: Archaeological Repository, Local Display Facilities and Traveling Exhibits for Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet

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Time Period Covered by Report: FFY 2003

Date of Report: 10/1/02-9/30/03

1. **Work Performed:** Summarize work performed during the reporting period, including any results available to date and their relationship to the original project objectives. Describe and explain any deviation from the original project objectives, procedural or statistical methods, study area, or schedule. Also describe any known problems or unusual developments, and whether and how they have been or can be overcome. Include any other significant information pertinent to the project.

This project has three components: 1) an archaeological repository in Seward to serve Prince William Sound and Lower Cook Inlet, 2) local display facilities in Chenega Bay, Cordova, Nanwalek, Port Graham, Seldovia, Seward, Tatitlek and Valdez and 3) traveling exhibits to display in these facilities. In October 1999, DNR contracted with Chugachmiut, Inc., to complete this project under terms consistent with a Trustee Council resolution. This year Chugachmiut asked DNR to eliminate from its grant the local display facility for Valdez. Chugachmiut was concerned that delays in the Valdez project would impose unreasonable demands on Chugachmiut's project management services. DNR agreed to contract directly with Valdez for its local display facility. The Chugachmiut grant was reduced from \$2.8 million to \$2,592,000 to reflect elimination of the Valdez Local Display Facility from the scope of work.

Repository: This year Chugachmiut remodeled the first floor of the Orca Building in Seward to serve as an archaeological repository for the Chugach Region. The contractor was Blazy Construction of Soldotna. Construction is complete.

Properly equipping the repository is a requirement of the grant, but Chugachmiut chose to allocate EVOS funds to defray construction costs and seek other funding sources for equipment and furnishings. \$15,000 in EVOS funds will be withheld until the repository is operational.

Local Display Facilities: This year Chugachmiut completed the local display facility in Port Graham; completed the design, business plan, and NEPA compliance for all the local display facilities except the one in Chenega Bay; and began construction in Cordova, Seward and Tatitlek. The Paluwik Cultural Display Center in Port Graham is a remodeled space in the Port Graham Village Corporation office building. Construction is complete, equipment has been installed and a part-time manager hired. Local display facilities in Cordova and Tatitlek are nearly complete.

Traveling Exhibits: Chugachmiut plans to contract with the Chugach Repository and Museum to develop traveling exhibits once the organization is formed and staffed. None of the \$200,000 allocated for the Traveling Exhibits has been spent.

2. **Future Work:** Summarize work to be performed during the upcoming year, if changed from the original proposal. Describe any proposed changes in objectives, procedural or statistical methods, study area, or schedule. [PLEASE NOTE: Significant changes in a project's objectives, methods, schedule, or budget require submittal of a new proposal that will be subject to the standard process of proposal submittal, technical review, and Trustee Council approval.]

Repository: Early next year Chugachmiut will purchase and install equipment and furnishings. Chugachmiut and Chugach Alaska Corporation have drafted and, in FY 2004, are expected to approve an agreement to establish and underwrite the Chugach Repository and Museum as a new nonprofit organization. The board of Directors of the Chugach Repository and Museum will hire a director, curator and other staff.

Local Display Facilities: Local display facilities in Cordova and Tatitlek will be completed early next year. Local display facilities in Seward, Seldovia, Nanwalek and Chenega Bay should be completed and in operation by September 30, 2004.

Traveling Exhibits: Next year Chugachmiut intends to contract with the Chugach Repository and Museum to develop traveling exhibits. If planning and design of the exhibits begins early in the year, the exhibits could be completed by the end of the year.

Valdez Local Display Facility: This project will be a remodeled room in the existing museum. The Valdez Museum and Valdez Native Tribe are working with architects to develop a concept design. The design, business plan and NEPA compliance should be completed early next year. Construction should begin next year.

3. **Coordination/Collaboration:** Describe efforts undertaken during the reporting period to achieve the coordination and collaboration provisions of the proposal, if applicable.

In developing its training program for local display facilities, Chugachmiut worked closely with the University of Alaska Museum, which currently holds most of the EVOS collections. In reviewing the design documents for the repository and the local display facilities, DNR obtains review comments from the National Park Service, whose regulations set federal standards for archaeological repositories and display areas.

4. **Community Involvement/TEK & Resource Management Applications:** Describe efforts undertaken during the reporting period to achieve the community involvement/TEK and resource management application provisions of the proposal, if applicable.

There are no community involvement/TEK or resource management application requirements for this project. However, extensive community involvement preceded this project. Typically, the local display facility in each community was proposed by the village or IRA council and will be

owned and operated by the council. The repository and local display facilities are subject to requirements of NEPA.

5. **Information Transfer:** List (a) publications produced during the reporting period, (b) conference and workshop presentations and attendance during the reporting period, and (c) data and/or information products developed during the reporting period. [PLEASE NOTE: Lack of compliance with the Trustee Council's data policy and/or the project's data management plan will result in withholding of additional project funds, cancellation of the project, or denial of funding for future projects.]

Not applicable.

6. **Budget:** Explain any differences and/or problems between actual and budgeted expenditures, including any substantial changes in the allocation of funds among line items on the budget form. Also provide any new information regarding matching funds or funds from non-EVOS sources for the project. [PLEASE NOTE: Any request for an increased or supplemental budget must be submitted as a new proposal that will be subject to the standard process of proposal submittal, technical review, and Trustee Council approval.]

The total project budget is \$2.8 million in contractual funds to be administered as a grant. Actual expenditures are about \$1.8 million to date.

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