

EVOS ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

All recipients of funds from the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council must submit an annual project report in the following format by September 1 of each fiscal year for which project funding is received, with the exception of the final funding year in which a final report must be submitted. Satisfactory review of the annual report is necessary for continuation of multi-year projects. Failure to submit an annual report by September 1 of each year, or unsatisfactory review of an annual report, will result in withholding of additional project funds and may result in cancellation of the project or denial of funding for future projects.

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.

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 2005

Date of Report: 10/1/04-9/30/05

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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. In FFY 2003 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: 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. The Repository is now properly equipped and operational. The facility was formally opened in June 2004.

Local Display Facilities: Chugachmiut has completed the local display facilities in Port Graham, Cordova, Seward, Seldovia, and Tatitlek. These facilities required the development of a facility design, a business plan, NEPA compliance, construction and/or remodeling, and installation of equipment and furnishings. The Nanwalek facility is completed, equipment and furnishing are being purchased and installed prior to opening. The Valdez Display Facility has completed its business plan, design documentation and NEPA requirements. Construction was authorized 6/28/05. The Chenega Local Display Facility has also completed its business plan, design documentation and NEPA requirements. Authorization for construction should be forthcoming.

Traveling Exhibits: Chugachmiut has contracted with the Chugach Repository and Museum to develop traveling exhibits. Program design and an implementation plan has been approved per grant requirements and construction has started.

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: This component of the project is complete.

Local Display Facilities: Local display facilities in Valdez and Chenega Bay will be completed during the next year. Local display facility in Nanwalek should be operational in fall 2005.

Traveling Exhibits: The traveling exhibits should be completed during the coming 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 obtained 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 facilities in each community were 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. Payments totaling \$2,327,666.52 have been issued to date, with the balance to be paid upon completion of grant requirements.

SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY TO Carolyn_rosner@evostc.state.ak.us. THE REPORTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE TRUSTEE COUNCIL'S WEB SITE AND SHOULD ALSO BE POSTED ON THE PI'S WEB SITE. The subject line of the e-mail transmitting the report must include the project number and the words "annual report" (e.g., "035620 Annual Report"). Electronic reports must be submitted either as an Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) file or word processing document (Microsoft Word 2000 for Windows or lower or WordPerfect 9.0 or lower) with any figures and tables imbedded. Acrobat PDF 4.0 or above file format must be used, preferably in 'formatted text with graphics' (called "PDF normal" under Acrobat PDF 4.0) format. Minimally, "PDF searchable image" (called "PDF original image with hidden text" under Acrobat PDF 4.0) may be used if pre-approved by the Trustee Council Office. In either case, the PDF file must not be secured or locked from future editing, or contain a digital signature from the principal investigator.