

CITY OF WASILLA

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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 90-42

FROM: Deputy Administrator

DATE: May 11, 1990

RE: Request for Support - Rural Development Fund Program

The attached information details some of the aspects by which an individual can obtain a loan for business development. The individual must show that the project has community support and he must apply through a local government or tribal council. The approval of a loan by the state agency does not result in any obligation by the local government.

Request Council approval to support Mr. Kania's request by City resolution and submission of the grant applications.

Røbert E. Harris

Deputy Administrator

approved 5/14/90



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y FUND PROGRAM
LENDER PARTICIPATION FUND

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

CDBG - Rural Development Fund Program applicants must provide citizens, especially low and moderate income residents, an adequate opportunity for meaningful involvement in the planning and development of CDBG-Rural Development Fund Program applications. The following Citizen Participation Plan requires that:

- 1.) The applicant must hold at least one public hearing, not more than three months prior to the original submission date of the application. The purpose of the public hearing is to give citizens and potential beneficiaries of the proposed project adequate opportunity to review and comment on the community's CDBG-Rural Development Fund Program application, before it is submitted. The issues which should be considered include the proposed project location, activities, budget (including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to moderate-income families), any costs to be imposed in residents as a result of the project (particularly those of low and moderate income), and, if appropriate, the plans of the applicant for minimizing displacement of persons, when applicable, as a result of activities funded with CDBG-Rural Development Fund Program funds;
- 2.) A record of the required hearing must be submitted with the Application for CDBG funds, along with copies of the public notices for the hearings or affidavits of publication for the notices. A verbatim record is not necessary, the names of persons who attended and summary of comments by local officials and citizens or a tape of the proceedings, is sufficient;
- 3.) Technical assistance must be provided to persons who request assistance in developing or understanding the proposals presented;
- 4.) When requested and practicable, written response to written complaints and grievances regarding proposals must be given; and
- 5.) When a significant number of non-English speaking residents are expected to participate, they must be assisted in understanding the public hearings proceedings.

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do hereby above:	certify	compliance	with	the	provisions	of	the	Citizen	Participation	Plan	outlined
Signature					Date						



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April 26, 1990

Mr. Leon W. Kania, President Emergency Response Airlift Module Company, Inc. P. O. Box 871122 Wasilla, Alaska 99687

Re: Rural Development Fund Program Application

Dear Leon:

Thank you for your application to the City for sponsorship of a state REDI/RDF Lender Participation Fund Loan.

We have made preliminary review and find that your enterprise and the City apparently qualify under the State's guidelines.

To meet the requirements of the state program, City sponsorship requires a public hearing to consider the community benefits of the project and hear any competing proposals. That hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 1990, 7:00 p.m. at Wasilla City hall. It will be advertised in the <u>Frontiersman</u> newspaper on Wednesday, May 2, 1990.

In addition, we will require specific financial information detailing the project and demonstrating compliance with the State's equity and other financing requirements. We would be pleased to meet with you in the next week.

Good luck in your venture. We look forward to seeing a successful new industry in Wasilla.

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John C. Stein

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Mayor, City of Wasilla

JCS/sbh

cc: Ms. Sherrie A. Ace, DCRA Loan Examiner

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Emergency Response Airlift Module (ERAM) is commonly known as the Medevac Igloo used by British Petroleum Exploration and invented by Leon W. Kania. Two of these modules have been fabricated, certified to FAA Airworthiness standards to permit in-flight occupancy, and have been thoroughly proven through six years of field use in Alaska. The modules are designed to convert a cargo hold of an aircraft to medical evacuation capability within minutes without aircraft modification. They are designed to provide state-of-the-art medical evacuation from remote sites, disaster areas, or point-to-point supervised patient transportation on scheduled commercial air routes.

In addition to the proven medical application, ERAM is readily adapted to a variety of other field and commercial uses. Special military applications include readily deployable command, communication, cryptographic and fire direction centers. Civilian applications may include self-contained research laboratories for environmental or geological monitoring, or other scientific applications. ERAM is adapted by means of sling and anchor points to be transported and delivered by means of rotary wing aircraft, parachute, low-level extraction, amphibious, overland and nautical conveyance.

ERAM is configured with a redundant dual 12 volt electrical circuit interconnected with a 110 volt main on standby trickle charge. ERAM is equipped with medical oxygen and FAA certified emergency oxygen breathing apparatus similar to those commonly found in commercial aircraft. ERAM is basically equipped as an ambulance with medical gear stowed in conveniently located compartments. ERAM could be configured with internal airconditioning for use in hot weather applications.

Initial marketing research with a variety of governmental and civilian agencies, nationally and internationally, have been uniformly promising for research, military and emergency disaster relief applications. Negotiations are presently underway with several chtities worldwide for procurement of these modules.

ERAMCO, Inc. (formerly Signal North) is presently seeking financing to begin production and marketing for these units. ERAMCO, Inc. qualifies for procurement under the SBA small business guidelines.

Production facilities have been identified and qualified labor force is available within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. An initial workforce of 8-10 employees will be needed, and subsequent increases in workforce will be related to increases in worldwide marketing.



