



Alaska Railroad seeks assistance with public participation in environmental investigation of Ship Creek basin in Anchorage

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska - The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is seeking a qualified community group or groups to assist with public participation during the Anchorage Terminal Reserve environmental investigation (EI) process and the evaluation of potential remedial alternatives. The investigation area (the Site) is a 600-acre area in the Ship Creek basin. Owned by ARRC, the area includes the Anchorage rail yard and adjoining properties leased to industrial and commercial businesses.

ARRC will provide up to \$50,000 for the selected group(s) to hire a technical advisor who can interpret technical documents, communicate technical information to the public, and provide insight into the cleanup process. This grant will be made under the Technical Assistance Plan or TAP. To receive TAP funds the community applicant(s) must be:

- A group who may be affected by a possible release of contamination at the Site;
- Incorporated as a non-profit, and either be specifically incorporated to participate in this Site EI or have a history of involvement with the Site; and
- Able to demonstrate its ability to adequately and responsibly manage awarded funds.

As work progresses, the technical adviser may be asked to:

- Act as a liaison between the group, ARRC, and government agencies;
- Review Site-related documents;
- Interpret and explain information to community members;
- Conduct Site visits and attend meetings; and
- Prepare reports, presentations and comments and questions on behalf of the group.

The selected group(s) must follow EPA and ARRC guidelines to responsibly manage the grant, including financial and technical reporting. The deadline for interested parties to respond with a proposal is October 11, 2005. For eligibility requirements and more information, visit <http://www.akrr.com/SCEI>, and click on "Technical Assistance Plan" or contact Wendy Lindskoog, ARRC External Affairs Director, at (907) 265-2671.