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SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Call for applications - Alaska Marine Highway System Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Background: On May 19, Governor Bill Walker signed a memorandum of understanding with Southeast Conference, a regional economic development organization, to undertake a comprehensive planning process aimed at improving the long-term viability of the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). The purpose of this project is to develop a long-term strategic plan for the AMHS that includes a comprehensive operational and business plan for the AMHS that is financial sustainable and meets the needs of those it serves. The process will involve broad public engagement and should result in a 25-year plan for the system. A review and possible change in governance structure will be part of it.

For more information, please review the memorandum of understanding between the State of Alaska and Southeast Conference, which will serve as a guidestar for this process. (See http://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/20160519_MOU-Southeast-Conference.pdf)

A steering committee comprised of approximately 10 Alaskans from across the state will oversee development of the plan through engagement of professional experts and a robust public process. Steering committee members will be selected by Southeast Conference in consultation with the Governor's Office, with an eye to balance in perspectives, expertise and interest.

Steering committee member expectations

- Attendance at teleconferences to be held monthly or as needed
- Participation on task forces or subcommittees that may be established
- Attendance at a one-day summit, likely to be held in Anchorage in August
- Attendance at a Southeast Conference meeting in Petersburg September 20-22
- Commitment to working for the best interests of the system as a whole, with an open mind and collaborative spirit
- Commitment to the project for its anticipated duration of June 2016 through December 2017

Funding

With a limited budget, we anticipate that steering committee members will donate their time and expertise. The project will offer travel funding for those who need it for the two in-person events.

To apply: Please send a letter of interest and resume to transportation@seconference.org on or before **JUNE 27, 2016**. In your letter, please state why you are interested in serving on this committee and what relevant skills, expertise and perspective you bring to this project.

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About the Southeast Conference: *Southeast Conference began 58 years ago to advocate for and support the establishment of the state's marine transportation system. Southeast Conference serves as the collective voice for advancing the region and state's economy while supporting activities that promote strong economies, healthy communities and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska.*

