



Date: December 6, 2006

To: UA Systemwide Academic Council

From: Michael A. Driscoll, Provost
University of Alaska Anchorage

Re: Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

Attached you will find a proposed new Bachelor of Science in Construction Management degree for UAA. This program is designed to produce graduates who are part of the interdisciplinary team responsible for the management of construction projects. Students in this program will be prepared with technical knowledge of construction methods, materials and operations as well as with the professional-level management and decision-making skills needed to perform the essential tasks of project planning and execution. Graduates will be ready for employment in the home offices or in the field by construction contractors, government agencies, industry consultants, and project owners.

The demand for this program was documented by an assessment of needs completed in 2002. An Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Construction Management was approved for UAA by the Board of Regents in 2004. The program had its first graduates in May, 2006. An AAS degree in Construction Management at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Tanana Valley Campus (TVC) was more recently approved, resulting from the direct collaboration between the UAA Community and Technical College and TVC. The associate degree graduates from either program will be able to continue their education in the new bachelor's degree in Anchorage if they wish.

The BSCM curriculum has been prepared in accordance with University of Alaska Anchorage standards, and the latest requirements of the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). It is our intent to seek accreditation from ACCE after program initiation.

This program has broad statewide support from both the construction industry in Alaska and from the academic community at the University of Alaska. Funding to support the curriculum development and start-up expenses for this program has been received from the Alaska construction industry through donations to the University of Alaska Foundation. The UAA Construction Management Advisory Committee was responsible for this fundraising effort.

The Bachelor of Science in Construction Management has been reviewed through the normal UAA governance process and has been approved by:

Faculty and Dean of the Community and Technical College	5 October 2006
UAA Undergraduate Academic Board	20 October 2006
UAA Faculty Senate	3 November 2006

Please add your review and approval to present this program proposal to the UA Board of Regents at their meeting in February, 2007.