PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In August 2012, the Board approved AIDEA to construct, own and operate a facility, an expansion of the existing National Guard Armory, for use by the US Coast Guard (USCG) on Joint Base Elmendorf and Richardson (JBER). Specifications for the Camp Denali Readiness Center Addition Project (CDRCAP) were presented to AIDEA in a USCG document entitled, “USCG Sector Anchorage Facility Requirements”, dated June 3, 2011. Using funds provided via a Reimbursement Services Agreement to AIDEA from the Department of Military and Veteran’s Affairs (DMVA), AIDEA retained a consultant to advance these specifications to a design level.

The CDRCAP matches the existing building of steel construction, 2 stories in height and encompasses an area of approximately 29,000 square feet. Associated with the building is a minimum of 120 parking spaces and an alternative access road. Earthwork included removal and relocation of an existing antenna system.

Through the Project Development and Operations Agreement, the DMVA is responsible for payments to AIDEA, subject to future legislative appropriations. In a separate agreement between the DMVA and the USCG, DMVA will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the facility and the USCG will pay the DMVA directly for this effort.

CURRENT STATUS

September 2019

The project was completed and delivered to the U.S. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) in January 2014 - ahead of schedule and under budget. The project provides an annual payment to AIDEA of $1.1 million. We performed our annual site visit in October of this year, confirming the successful integration of the building under DMVA management, for the U.S. Coast Guard’s control center overseeing all of its strategic missions in Alaska. The consolidation of services provides great synergy between the U.S. Coast Guard, the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Rescue Coordination Center.
PROJECT HISTORY

Construction of the CDRCAP began in August 2012. Substantial completion was realized on December 3, 2013, more than a month ahead of schedule. This project proceeded without any significant issues. The CDRCAP was delivered to the DMVA substantially complete in a ready to occupy state December 18, 2013. Final delivery of all site work was the end of January 2014.

BUDGET/FINANCE

The cost estimate for this project did not exceed $15 million, which included a contingency and AIDEA oversight though a third party. This project was paid for with funds from AIDEA’s Economic Development Fund, A1105. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the USCG and the DMVA provides a payment of $1.1 million annually to AIDEA. This building is leased for 30 years from AIDEA to the DMVA who subleases the building to the USCG.

PROJECT/ ECONOMIC BENEFITS

This project fulfills AIDEA’s mission of economic development and job growth by creating up to 80 new jobs during the facility construction, retaining over 115 USCG and civilian jobs in the Anchorage area and adding other jobs through consolidation of USCG billets from around the state to the new facility. Housing the USCG at the Camp Denali Readiness Center facility will enhance the cooperative efforts serving Alaska by strengthening interagency relations between the Department of Defense, the State of Alaska and the USCG. Due to the location of the Readiness Center addition, it will also facilitate synergy between the USCG and the Army/Air Guard through shared training classrooms and the medical clinic.

PARTNERS

Facility Owner: AIDEA
Land Owner: JBER, Department of the Air Force
User: USCG
Operator: DMVA