

MMS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM: ONGOING STUDIES

Region: Alaska

Planning Areas: All Alaska Planning Areas

Title: Management, Logistics, and Warehouse Storage of Oceanographic Equipment (AK-07-02)

MMS Information Needs to be Addressed: Without funding of this program-support element, it would not be possible to maintain or deploy the 36-foot MMS Launch 1273 that provides a mobile, cost-effective, and specialized research vessel for a variety of biological and oceanographic studies throughout the coastal waters of Alaska. Costs for certain studies would increase significantly if more expensive marine-support alternatives were chartered.

Additionally, it would not be possible to maintain an equipment warehouse that allows us to re-use and share equipment effectively among projects and agencies. This is a critical program-support element related to studies that support all current leases.

Total Cost: \$450,000

Period of Performance: FY 2007-2009

Conducting Organization: Kinnetic Laboratories, Inc.

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Description:

Background The MMS, Alaska OCS Region, has responsibility for equipment management in support of Alaska studies. In 1996 the General Services Administration (GSA) obtained a new storage facility for ESP use. The equipment is stored in a small warehouse in Anchorage, where it is maintained and made available for ongoing projects. This support element also provides funds for maintenance of the MMS Alaska Region Launch 1273, a small research vessel needed for various oceanographic studies, as well as funds for other equipment maintenance and shipping. Also under this project MMS will support Alaska ESP equipment management and other storage needs.

Objectives The purpose of this program-support element is to efficiently manage and store oceanographic equipment and provide other support to ESP needs

Methods The General Services Administration arranges for an appropriate warehouse facility for our use.

Launch 1273 was commissioned in 1983. MMS contractors will use it for the cANIMIDA, the study "Beaufort Sea Nearshore Currents" (FY 2005-2007), and other oceanographic studies in the Arctic. MMS plans to contract all management of launch 1273 in support of Arctic environmental studies starting in FY 2007. We include the costs of Launch 1273 in the costs above.

Current Status:	In procurement
Final Report Due:	N/A
Publications Completed:	N/A
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