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# Alaska Science and Technology Foundation

**Mission—Build an Entrepreneurial Alaska Economy Through the Development & Application of Science & Technology (AS37.17)**

## **Challenge—**

- **One in seven jobs in goods producing sectors vs. one in three nationally;**
- **Need to enlarge and diversify goods producing base by expanding exports or replacing imports. ASTF has “grow your own economy” focus through science and technology;**
- **Use market-based incentives to share technical risk with private sector and scientists to work with industry on applied projects. 20% Knowledge Projects, 80% Technology**

## **I. Process Resources to Add Value**

### **Salmon Based Final Products**

\$7.3M annual sales

### **New Saimi Process**

\$150K grant leads to \$1.3M Kodiak investment

### **Salmon Fin Bone Removal Technology (\$1M ASTF, \$1M match)**

prototype built, beta test this summer

### **Shellfish (\$70K ASTF, \$200K match)**

Kachemak Bay Oyster Seed Project

## **II. Replace Imports**

### **Fresh Cut Vegetables (\$470K ASTF, \$2.1M match)**

Anchorage plant, Valley produce

### **Rural Housing Manufacturing (\$160K, \$432K)**

Pt. McKenzie Plant Planned

### **Petro Star Desulfurization Project (\$400K ASTF, \$850K match)**

Avoid imports to replace AK Fuel

### **Sawmill Assistance Program (\$200K ASTF, \$200K-INC)**

9 Mills have WWPA Graded Lumber. Imports are 70-90 MMBF/year

### **Tyonek Mill (\$320K ASTF, \$547K match)**

New process to produce bridge materials, second plant Nenana

## **III. Science for Alaska Benefit**

### **Total Dissolved Solids Project to develop simple test for TDS , Phase I \$20K**

Project of Producers Council, ADF&G, ADEC. Phase II FY99

### **Remote Sensing Demonstration for Mining (\$400K ASTF, \$300K match)**

Integrate radar, topographic, and geotechnical data on high resolution maps for enhanced exploration (Ft. Knox, other mining, Aeromap)

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Attachment IV

**Anchorage Seismology Project (\$600K ASTF, \$400K match)**

Anchorage Muni and local engineers oversee UAF work to produce microzone maps to show local areas where buildings are over or under designed.

**IV. Technology Infrastructure for Growth**

**Risk Capital--AK Growth Capital BIDCO**

Added \$1.4M in equity in 1998, now capitalized \$7M

**Alaska Investor Network**

April Launch of InvestNet bring together entrepreneurs and investors to fund deals

**K-12 Internet Project**

90% schools wired, about half by NetDay Volunteers

**K-12 Science Projects**

50 projects for less than \$5 K equipment

**Summary**

**Budget**

**FY98 111 Projects \$13.6M ASTF (multi-year) + \$65M Matching**

Includes \$5M Kodiak Launch Complex in FY 98

Low Rank Coal Water Fuel Project (UAF) \$4.2M in FY99

**1995-present flat Operating Budget \$1.28M**

**FY99 Grants Budget \$7.7M plus \$4M UAF Coal Project**

**Operations as % of Total Expenditures dropped 32% in FY 95 to 8% FY98.**

**FY99 Legislative Earmarks of ASTF Earnings \$2.6M UA and \$500K AADC**

Earnings only estimated.

**Performance**

**PAST**

**Projects always had performance measures and payments tied to benchmark performance. New task is to sum those project measures to overall measures.**

**Board has annually adopted goals and Director evaluation**

**Grant Guidelines and projects on Internet at [www.astf.org](http://www.astf.org)**

**1999 McDowell Survey on performance measures**

**70% return of grantee surveys, only direct impacts counted**

**Measure Economic Impacts early in business development**

**130 direct jobs/year last 3 years vs 100 jobs/year average 1993-1997**

**\$12.7M cumulative sales**

**84% not undertake project unless ASTF, 36% would not be in business**

**Need Better Measures on Knowledge Projects**

## Performance Measures: Summary Table

### Performance Measure 1 ASTF Grant-Related Employment

Cumulative Total Employment	
1993-97 Average*	99
1995-97 Average*	130

\*Based on year of grant award. Includes year-round and seasonal jobs. Includes only direct employment; multiplier effects are not included.

### Performance Measure 2 Grant-Related Gross Business Sales

Total Current Annual Sales	
1993-97 Annual Average	\$1.6 million
1995-97 Annual Average	\$1.9 million

### Performance Measure 3 Percentage and Number of Grantees in Business Because of ASTF Grant

	Percentage	Number
Cumulative Total	na	37
1993-97 Average	34%	6
1995-97 Average	37%	8

### Performance Measure 4 New/Improved Product, Process and Service Development (Percentage and Number of Applicable Grants Resulting in New/Improved Products, Processes and Services)

	Percent of Grants		Number of Grants		
	1993-97 Average	1995-97 Average	Total	Average	Average
Improved Production Process Added Value to Existing Product or Service	53%	53%	28	4	6
Development of New Process	62%	68%	41	7	10
Development of New Product	71%	75%	49	7	10
Development of New Service	50%	62%	32	5	7

### Performance Measure 5 Percentage and Number of Grants Increasing Basic Scientific and Technical Knowledge

	Percentage	Number
Cumulative Total	na	77
1993-97 Average*	84%	12
1995-97 Average*	84%	15

\*Based on year of grant award.

### Performance Measure 6 Percentage of Knowledge Projects Resulting in Development of New Processes or Services, or Reduced Costs

	Percentage	Number
Cumulative Total	na	28
1993-97 Average*	60%	4
1995-97 Average*	71%	5

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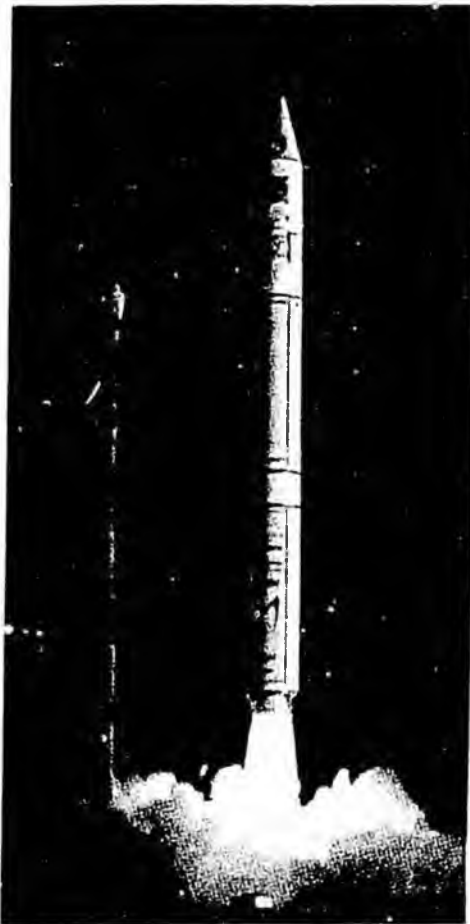
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# Athena Launch Vehicle Family

LOCKHEED MARTIN



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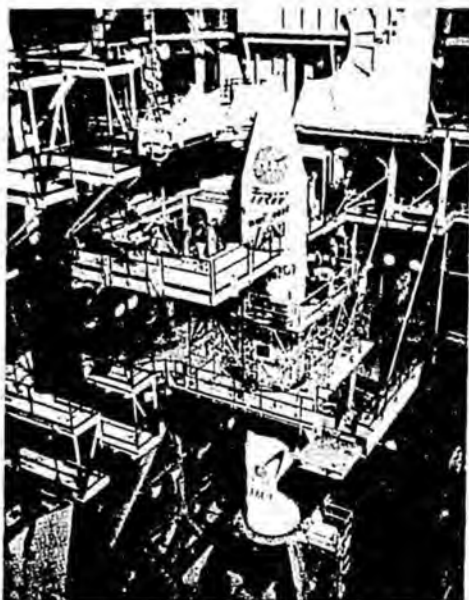
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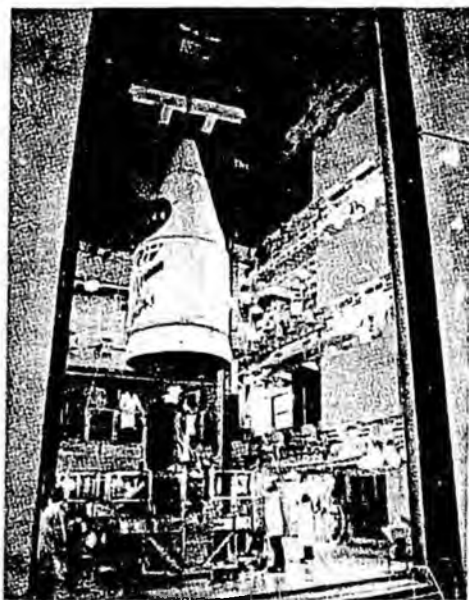
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- Spacious payload accommodations
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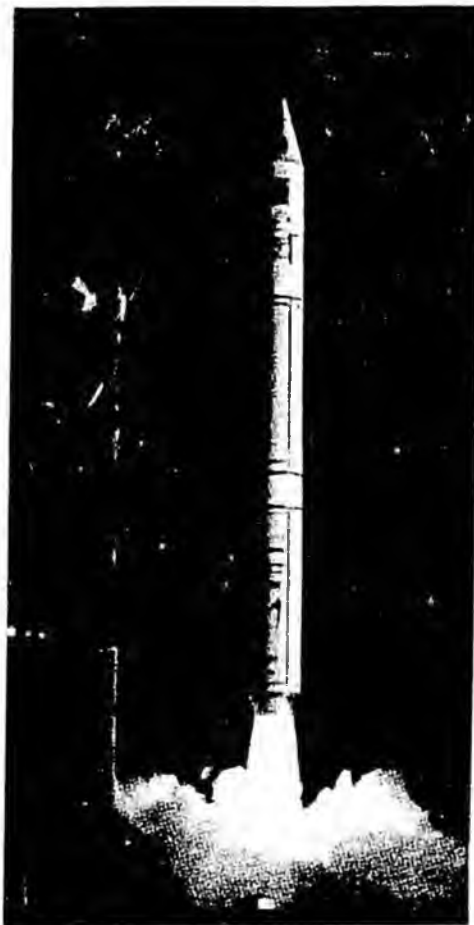
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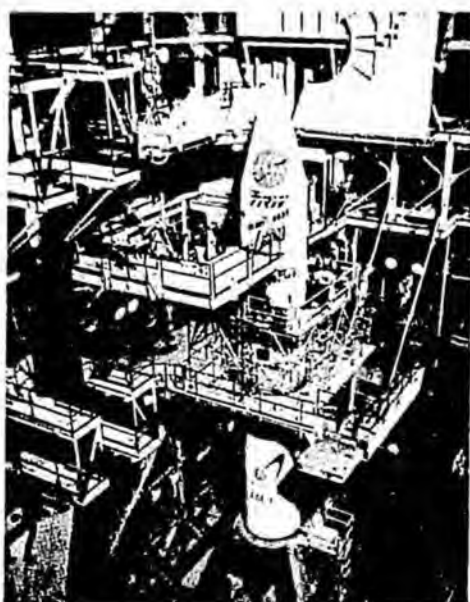
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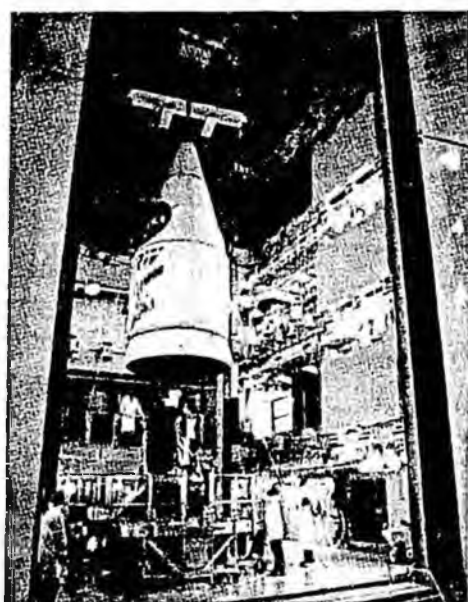
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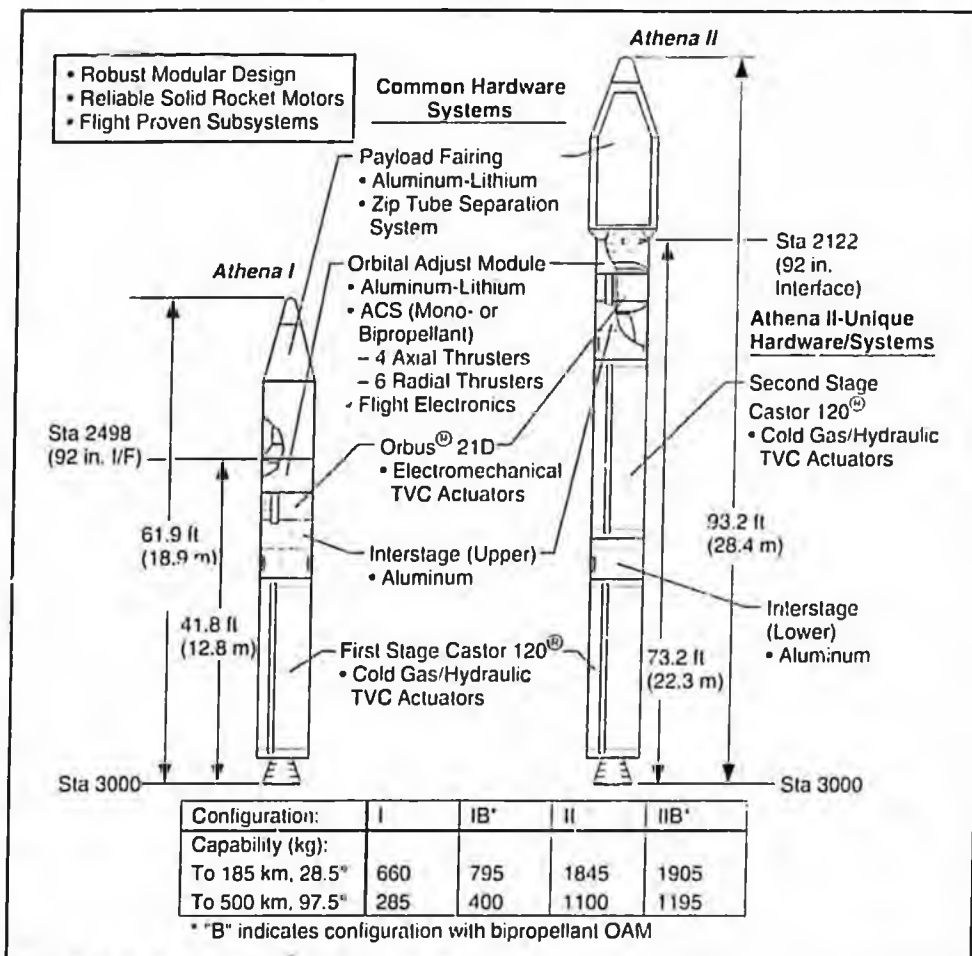


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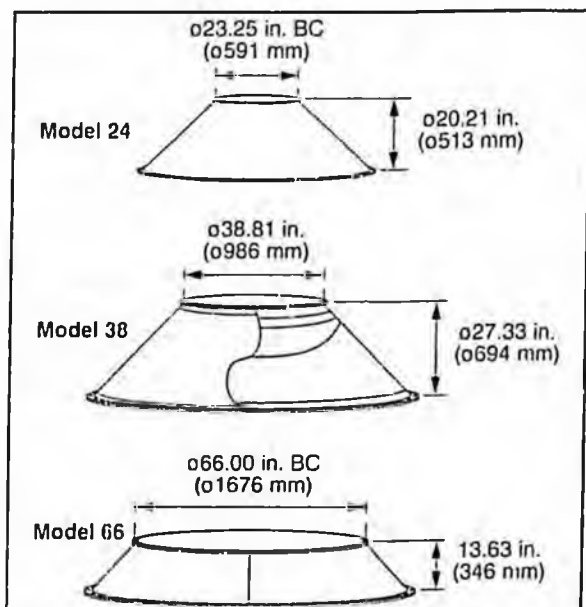
**Specifications**

The Athena family consists of two operational launch vehicle configurations: Athena I, that uses a 92"-diameter payload fairing; and Athena II, that can use either the 92"-or-a 120"-diameter fairing. The Orbit Adjust Module (OAM) contains an attitude control system that is available in its standard monopropellant configuration or as a bipropellant stage for enhanced performance. The Athena III, planned to meet the future market requirements, will have approximately twice the performance of the Athena II and will accommodate a fairing up to 130" in diameter.

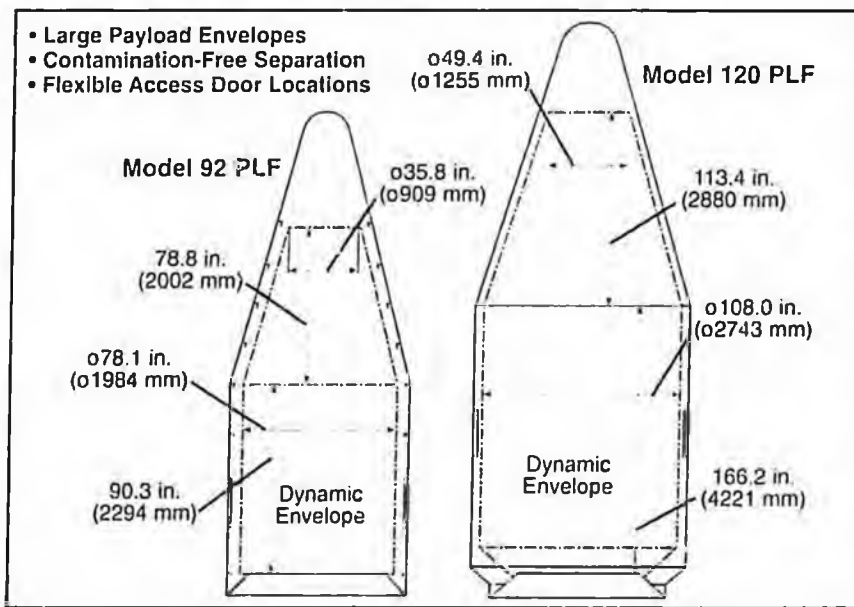
Both the range of available performance and large fairing volumes reduce mission risk by allowing for spacecraft growth. The Athena vehicles can also accommodate secondary payloads secured to the side of, or within, the payload adapter.



Launch Vehicle Configurations and Performance



Payload Adapter Models (Models 37 and 47 not shown)



Payload Fairing Options

**Athena Launch Vehicle Family**

Business Development Office  
 P.O. Box 179, MS DC-1155  
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Kodiak Launch Complex  
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Capital Project Cash Flows	Starting Balance	Actual Funding										
		Feb-98	Oct-00	Nov-00	Dec-00	Feb-02	Mar-02	Apr-02	May-02	Jun-02	FY-02 Total	
Revenue												
ASTF Grant	5,000,000											0
Federal Funding	18,110,000											0
NASA PPF Grant	4,899,958		0	0								0
Federal Funding for Tower	0	0				0	0	0	0	0		0
State Appropriation	0											0
AADC Corp. Receipts (Bond Proceeds)	0											0
AADC Corp. Receipts (Interest Earnings)	0											229,536
Non-Cash-In-Kind Receipts	0											0
<b>Total CPCF Gross Revenue</b>	<b>28,009,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>229,536</b>
												<b>48,897,008</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>												
Project Owner Admin		81,453										0
Rise Alaska		83,671										0
BRPH		53,830										0
Project Infrastructure Support (FF&E)		0										0
PTI Communications (Temporary)		0										99,231
Phase I AK Contract		200,080										0
Phase II Red Sam Contract		0										0
OIS Contract		0	0	0								0
<b>Total</b>		<b>419,234</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
												<b>10,247,683</b>
<b>Contingency</b>												
BRPH												0
Phase I AK Contract		0										0
Phase II Red Sam Contract		0	0	0								0
<b>Total Contingency</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
												<b>488,163</b>
<b>PROJECTIONS</b>												
Project Owner Administration			1,000	5,000	5,000							0
Project Infrastructure Support (FF&E)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RISE Contract			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRPH			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTI Communications (Temporary)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTI Communications (Microwave)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Working Capital			1,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total AADC/RISE Projections</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
												<b>5,081,357</b>
<b>BRPH Projections</b>												
Phase I AK Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phase II Red Sam Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phase III Tower Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIS Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total BRPH Projections</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
												<b>10,191,755</b>
<b>Contingency Projections</b>												
Phase I AK Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phase II Red Sam Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phase III Tower Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIS Contract		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Category G</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
												<b>893,220</b>
<b>Non-Cash Expenditures</b>												
Range Safety System (In-kind value)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
												<b>8,500,000</b>
<b>Total CPCF Expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>433,234</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
												<b>43,182,589</b>
<b>9% Contingency on Remaining Exp.</b>			<b>430</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
												<b>2,417,889</b>
<b>Net Capital Project Cash Flow</b>	<b>28,009,958</b>	<b>-433,234</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>-5,450</b>	<b>-5,450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>229,536</b>
												<b>-4,904,469</b>
<b>Total Capital Project Cash Balance (Cum.)</b>		<b>27,574,724</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>-4,887,031</b>	<b>-4,872,481</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>
Phase III Tower Encumbrance Schedule	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Encumbrances</b>												
Project Owner Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project Infrastructure Support (FF&E)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RISE Contract	981,300	897,421	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRPH	1,445,467	1,411,631	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTI Communications (Microwave)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phase I AK Contract	2,341,443	2,735,363	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phase II Red Sam Contract	18,190,000	18,190,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phase III Tower Contract	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIS Contract	1,158,564	1,158,564	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL UNENCUMBERED CASH</b>	<b>5,275,184</b>	<b>5,163,731</b>	<b>-887,031</b>	<b>-4,872,481</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>	<b>-4,904,469</b>





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## KODIAK LAUNCH COMPLEX REASONABLENESS REVIEW

February 3, 1999

Clancy, Gardiner & Pierce, LLC, acting as advisor to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (the "Authority"), has been asked to perform a reasonableness review of the existing status and future projections related to the Kodiak Launch Complex ("KLC"). This review is being undertaken to consider the reasonableness of existing construction estimates and financial projections. This review is not intended to be a comprehensive financial viability and due diligence analysis of the variety ordinarily performed by the Authority in approving development finance projects or in underwriting loans under the Authority's credit programs. Rather, the review has consisted of a limited investigation of existing project information to determine its reasonableness.

There are essentially two components to the scope of the Authority's review, an engineering/construction review, and a financial review. The Authority's in-house engineering staff has conducted the engineering/construction component of the review, which is attached as Exhibit A, while the financial review component has been conducted by Clancy, Gardiner & Pierce, LLC.

### Executive Summary

Based on a review of available information related to the construction, engineering, funding and operation of the KLC, we consider the assumptions used in the financial projections and construction estimates to be reasonable. While there remains significant uncertainty in the actual viability of the private rocket launch market, KLC has used reasonable caution in its provisional operating budget.

### Financial Review

We reviewed numerous documents provided by Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation ("AADC"). These documents included excerpts from the draft AADC 1999 Business Plan, confidential KLC cash flow projections, audits for 1997 and 1998, proprietary documents from Lockheed Martin, market projections prepared by the FAA, grant agreements, and bank statements. In addition to review of the above documents, we contacted Lockheed Martin, AADC and Rise Alaska personnel.

## *Operations*

We have reviewed the analysis we prepared regarding KLC in 1995. The projections used in the prior analysis have been refined in KLC's current operating model. The model now suggests a less aggressive launch schedule, with much more detailed operating costs. While the initial model had a vague notion of how the facility would function, the current model has been developed with an actual operating plan in mind. Cost estimates have been provided by firms that are currently providing similar services to other launch sites. The operating cash flow has been broken into two sections, one which deals with administrative costs, which are projected to remain flat regardless of the number of launches, and the second group of expenses deals with launch operations. It is expected that the latter of these two categories will be managed on a contract basis with an outside firm during the first few years of operation. This will allow rapid staffing increases or decreases in response to increased or decreased demand. These costs appear to be reasonable and were developed in conjunction with Lockheed Martin and further refined by review with Orbital Science (a company that provides these types of services). These costs are likely to be born by the actual users but have been budgeted as an un-reimbursed expense in the pro-forma. Non-personnel expenses also appear reasonable. Electricity is the largest non-personnel item and is based on current Kodiak Electric Association rates.

The cash flow pro-forma shows an untapped Working Capital Liquidity Fund. Operating revenues, using AADC's launch projections, remain sufficient on a yearly basis to cover all yearly cashflow. Should a launch be delayed or fail to materialize during the early operation of the facility, it is anticipated that the Liquidity Fund might be used but is not necessary using the current projections. The \$1 million fund balance provides a reasonable balance to cover a delayed launch.

Revenues are based on the concept of 4 launches per year. The original business plan called for 6 launches per year. Cash flow remains sufficient when launches are reduced to 3 times a year and are very strong at 5 launches per year. The number of launches each year seems reasonable. In 1995, several competing sites were considered. The world is better known now. Launch facilities in Alabama, Hawaii, and California have not proceeded. The facility in Manitoba has closed. The Florida facility is not a direct competitor. International launch facilities are distant from the US and make them less likely competitors. Launch demands, as projected in the May 1998 FAA report, have remained constant from the earlier analysis with a baseline of between 30 and 45 launches per year in demand. The KLC site serves a unique market which has both governmental and commercial application. Lockheed Martin has reached agreement with AADC and the parties are formalizing a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") to use the KLC facility. Lockheed Martin is projecting launches in excess of the number used in the pro-forma. Both the MOA and the launch projections have been discussed with Lockheed Martin. They concur with the feasibility of the facility. We, therefore, believe the assumptions used for the number of launches per year to be reasonable.

It should also be noted that the initial funding appears to provide reasonable cash flow reserves for the initial phase of operation, even in the case of a 25% reduction in launches under the current business plan. We believe the business plan, as noted, is conservative and it is reasonable to assume the actual number of launches per year are likely to be higher than the model currently projects. Also as noted, a higher number of launches only improves the cash flow of the facility over the next 2 to 3 years.

Upon reviewing the current agreements with Lockheed Martin and based upon research done in the initial report, we believe the estimates of revenues per launch are within the expected range and are therefore a reasonable basis for the business plan.

### *Capital*

KLC's business plan shows the following funding sources:

<b>Funding Received</b>	
Alaska Science and Technology	\$5,000,000
National Guard	\$17,910,000
NASA	<u>\$4,899,958</u>
Sub Total	\$27,809,958
<b>Additional Funding Secured</b>	
Request, Federal (via National Guard) (needs State Appropriation)	\$4,800,000
Interest Earnings	<u>\$1,578,000</u>
Sub Total	\$6,378,000
<b>Funding Needed</b>	
FY 2000 State of Alaska	\$5,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$39,187,958</b></u>

Grants, or funds received, match the business plan. We conclude it is reasonable to assume the receipt of the above funds, other than the State of Alaska budget request is reasonable. We offer no opinion on this item.

### *Insurance*

AADC has provided for standard insurance coverage. We have discussed coverage and expected premiums for such insurance with AADC. We believe the insurance coverage suggested by AADC is reasonable in light of the exposure expected by AADC.

### *Summary*

AADC has used reasonable assumptions in the financial projections they have prepared. The financial projections show sufficient cash reserves to allow a 25% drop in expected launches in the first 2 years. Reasonable assumptions have also been used in the capital plan. Engineering

and construction estimates, as reviewed by AIDEA, are adequate. Without the final requested funding in the FY 2000 budget, it is not clear how the facility will be completed. There is \$3.5 million in contingency and start-up capital, and another \$500,000 might be available through postponing certain permanent components. We would not recommend using the contingency fund in this manner. In conjunction with AADC's bonding authority, it might be possible to finish the project without the final funds, but clearly it would significantly change the cash flow and working capital reserves during the first few years. The exact result of such changes is uncertain.

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APPENDIX A  
AIDEA ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION REASONABLENESS REVIEW  
OF THE KODIAK LAUNCH COMPLEX**

February 5, 1999

The staff of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority ("AIDEA" or the "Authority") has performed an engineering/construction reasonableness review of the existing status and future projections related to the Kodiak Launch Complex ("KLC"). This review was conducted to consider the reasonableness of existing construction estimates and financial projections and is not intended to be a comprehensive financial viability and due diligence analysis of the variety ordinarily performed by the Authority. Rather, the review consisted of a limited investigation of existing project information to determine its reasonableness. A site visit was not part of this review. Information reviewed includes the Authority's project correspondence files, Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation's ("AADC") written reports, project construction contracts, plans and specifications, project monthly reports, contractor pay estimates, and information obtained through meetings and telephone conversations with AADC and Rise Alaska (project manager) personnel over a several week time frame.

**Executive Summary**

It is the Authority's opinion that, after reviewing AADC's capital models, Capital Needs Analysis, and the present status of the engineering/construction efforts, AADC's proposed budget appears to be reasonable and adequate to complete the project as presented to AIDEA. We recommend that a contingency equivalent to 10% of the remaining construction contract work (\$16,807,059 as of 1/99) be identified and maintained as engineering and construction contingency until construction has been deemed complete. It appears that there are sufficient funds within the current budget projections to cover the recommended contingency.

**Status of Construction**

Presently, the construction of the project is roughly 42 percent complete. The Phase I site work contract is 95% complete, the Phase II general construction contract is 51% complete, and the Phase III launch tower contract is now in the final stages of negotiation. From a project schedule standpoint, the basic completion of Phase I site work consisting of predominately civil construction is significant since project delays and increased costs are often associated with unanticipated ground conditions. The project is now compliant with AADC's present schedule and budget. The one outstanding construction claim of \$475,000, primarily relating to last fall's rocket launch, appears to be nearing resolution. Substantial completion of the Phase II contract is scheduled for March 20, 1999. The first of several NTP's for the Phase III

contract has been issued, with its substantial completion scheduled for November 1999. Based on the present AADC schedule, all project construction should be completed by December 1999. At this time, we are not aware of any existing circumstances that could significantly delay construction completion.

#### **Initial Construction Budget**

As is typical of projects of this size and complexity, the KLC project cost estimates and potential funding sources were modified and refined during the project's predevelopment phase during the mid-1990's. Solidification of costs and funding sources had occurred by early 1997 when total project cost estimates had been refined to roughly \$28.85 million, with the construction cost component estimated to be \$25 million and the remaining amount reflecting capitalized interest (\$1.6 million) and construction management (\$2.25 million). Funding sources identified at that time were \$28 million in grant monies consisting of \$18 million of federal funds, \$5 million NASA funds, and \$5 million Alaska Science and Technology Foundation ("ASTF") funds.

#### **Status of the Construction/Engineering Budget**

Based on existing construction contracts and related management costs and contingencies, it would now appear that final construction costs will exceed AADC's early 1997 project cost estimates. The three construction contracts, with approved extras and negotiated claims costs, now total \$29,520,655 with approximately \$16,807,059 of this work remaining to be completed as of November 30, 1998. With Phase I now complete and Phase II substantially complete, the risks have been significantly reduced and the Authority believes a 10% contingency is reasonable. The addition of the 10% engineering/construction cost contingency (\$1,680,706) for the yet to be completed work results in a projected final construction cost of \$31,201,361. Our review indicates that construction management ("CM"), project management ("PM") and support costs have increased to \$3,624,477 from initial estimates of \$2.75 million. The Authority projects that the project's final total construction costs (construction contracts plus contingency plus CM, PM, and support costs) will be about \$34,825,838, or about \$7,575,838 over AADC's 1997 \$27.25 million construction budget (does not include original capitalized interest component).

KLC Capital Requirements:

	TOTAL	REMAINING (As of 11/30)
<u>Construction</u>		
Phase I (Site improvements)           \$	3,145,971	\$119,494
Phase II (General Construction)	16,899,984	\$7,212,865
Phase III (Launch Tower)	8,947,700	\$8,947,700
Outstanding Claim	\$475,000	\$475,000
Phase III cost increase	<u>\$52,000</u>	<u>\$52,000</u>
Subtotal	\$29,520,655	\$16,807,059
10 % Contingency on uncompleted work	<u>\$1,680,706</u>	<u>\$1,680,706</u>
Total Construction	\$31,201,361	\$18,487,765
<u>Non-Construction *</u>		
Administration and Project Management   \$	3,624,477	
Net against facility modification	-200,000	
Microwave Communications	500,000	
Project Infrastructure, FF&E	1,644,555	
Operations Intercom System	1,156,564	
Working Capital	1,000,000	
Remaining program contingency	<u>\$261,001</u>	
Total Non-Construction	\$7,986,597	
Grand Total	<u>\$39,187,956</u>	

\* Items not reviewed by AIDEA

AADC confirms that the final scope of work has not been significantly modified from the time the 1997 project budget was developed. Expected cost overruns can be attributed to a variety of factors. The early 1997 KLC budget was based on very preliminary design engineering. As the detailed project design developed, the early 1997 budget was modified to reflect the detail design changes. Due to the length of the funding process, a delay in AADC's receipt of federal funds coupled with some construction cost underestimation, bids from potential contractors exceeded those contained in the early 1997 budget estimate. As a result of the funding delay, AADC was unable to initiate its procurement process and award a contract on schedule, thus causing construction and material cost escalation. Rise Alaska personnel indicated that construction and material cost escalation had a particularly deleterious cost effect on the Phase III construction component, and the launch tower because of dramatic increases in structural steel prices.

## **Status of Rezanoff Highway/Pasagshak Road**

In October 1998, AADC in conjunction with Thiokol and Lockheed<sup>e</sup>, a rocket manufacturer, identified several inadequacies relating to the haul route between the Lash Dock Facility and the KLC. Following subsequent discussions with Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ("ADOTPF") officials, ADOTPF has reportedly offered maintenance upgrades and intensified grading/snow removal immediately prior to load transport. The ADOTPF proposed plan for resolving the immediate road inadequacy issues appears satisfactory, at least initially, to accommodate the anticipated heavy, bulky rocket loads. Thiokol is planning on transporting a "pathfinder" dummy rocket motor to the launch pad in December 1999 to test the adequacy and reliability of the transportation systems. AADC has indicated that they are working with ADOTPF and local legislators to obtain state and federal funding for long-term upgrades to the road system. AIDEA expresses no opinion as to the sufficiency of the road upgrades and the extent that additional upgrades might be necessary to assure the viability of the launch complex.

### **Summary**

Presently, about half of the projected construction budget has been expended to complete a like percentage of construction. The project's construction/engineering appears to be on time and within the current budget estimate. The project has generally surpassed the development and construction phases where one might expect significant upside as well as downside cost surprises. Construction claims, with the exception of the \$475,000 claim that is reported to be nearing a negotiated settlement, have not been identified nor are anticipated. There are no outstanding claims on either the CM or PM contracts, and relations with the construction contractors are reported to be good. The recommended 10% construction/engineering contingency should be adequate to insure completion under the present budget. Within the confines of this review, staff could not develop an opinion as to the reasonableness of the cost and contingency requirements of the non-engineering/construction items; specifically, microwave communications, project furniture, fixtures and electrical ("FF&E"), operations intercom system, working capital, range safety, and road upgrades. AADC's construction managers should continue to take a proactive stance to resolve construction/engineering issues as they arise in order to insure that the project's cost goals are met.

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**KODIAK LAUNCH COMPLEX  
CASH NEEDS ANALYSIS**

**TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET** **\$45,801,479**

**FUNDS AVAILABLE** **\$40,897,010**

Federal Funding	\$18,110,000*
NASA	\$4,899,960
ASTF	\$5,000,000
Federal Interest Earnings	\$1,587,050
Federal Grant #2	\$4,800,000
Federal In-Kind	\$6,500,000

**FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE** **(\$4,904,469)**

**NOTES:**

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- C. 40% COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION
- D. CONSERVATIVE CONTINGENCY TO COMPLETE 9%
- E. TOTAL COST TO COMPLETE ANALYSIS
- F. COORDINATION WITH AIT LAUNCHES SUCCESSFUL
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\*Please note the \$18.11 million in federal funds depicted here differs from the \$17.91 million shown in the total KLC capital appropriation summary. The additional \$200,000 was a one-time, customer paid facility modification funded through AADC's launch operations appropriation.

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**Launch System**

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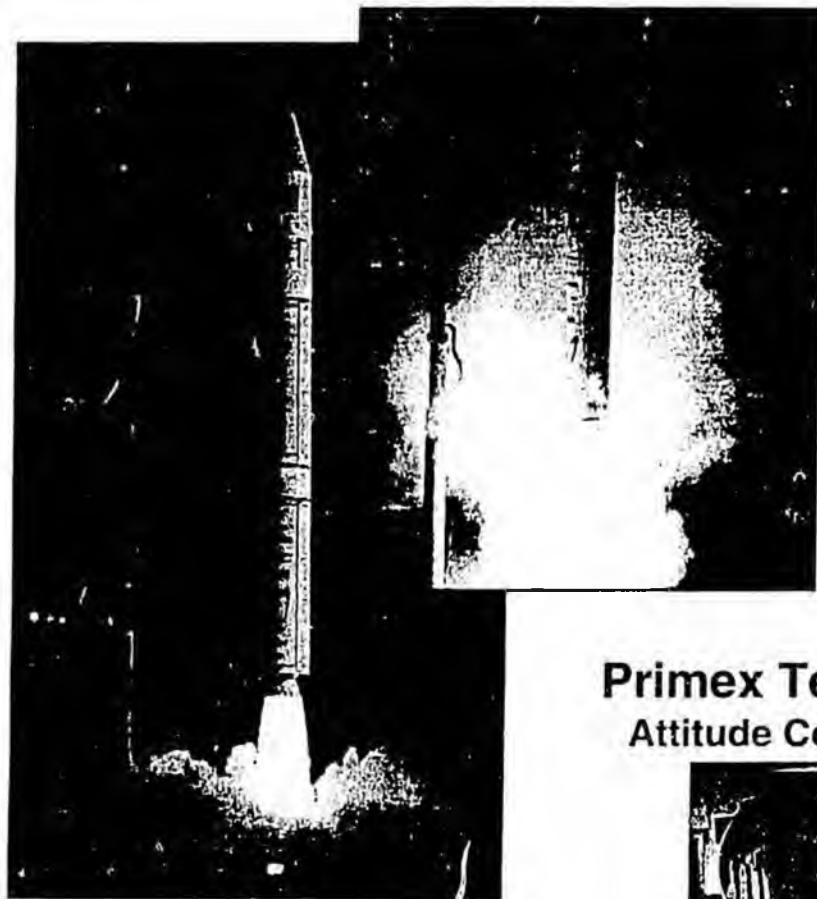
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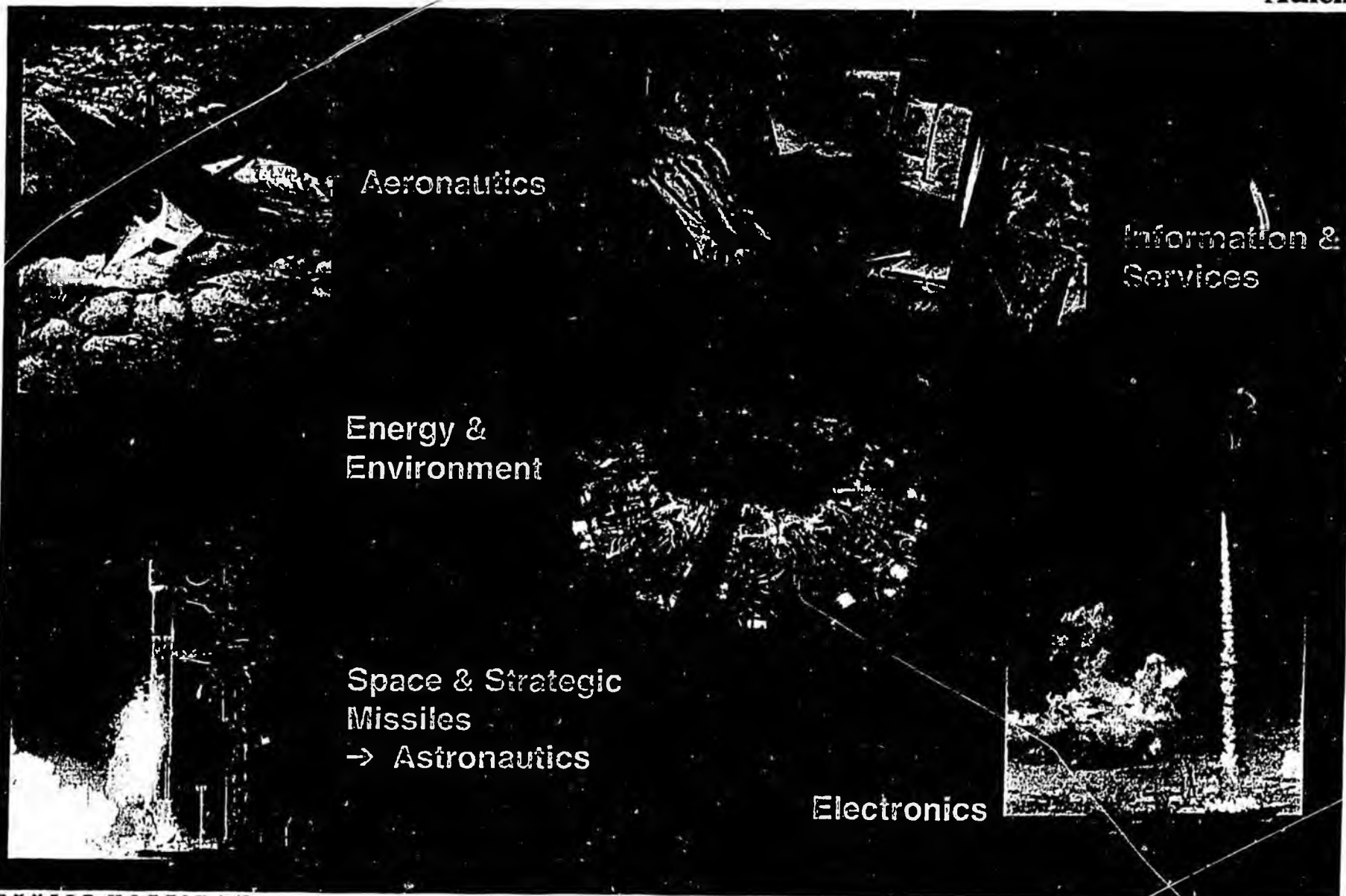
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# Lockheed Martin Corporation



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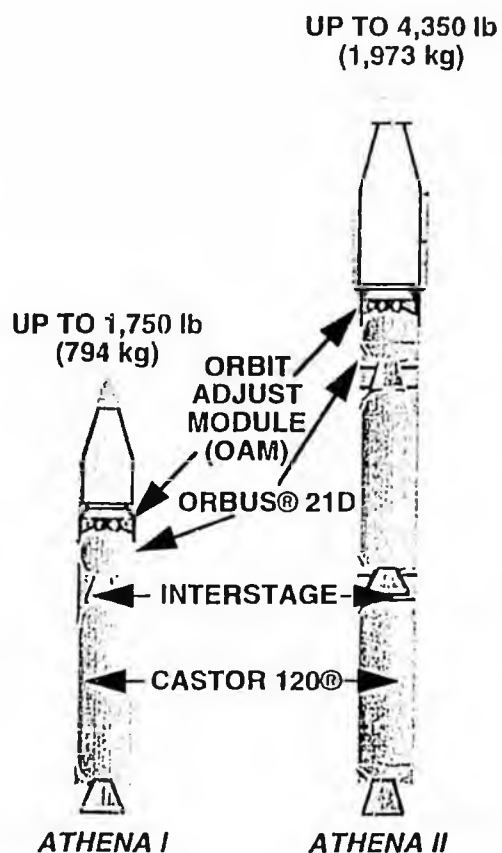
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# Athena Overview



- Development began in 1993 as wholly-commercial partnership: Lockheed Martin, Thiokol, Pratt&Whitney and Primex
- Modular design to reduce costs and maximize reliability
- 2 Configurations and 2 Launch Sites Currently Operational With Success of:
  - › Lewis (A-I) 8/22/97 VAFB
  - › Lunar Prospector (A-II) 1/6/98 CCAS
  - › ROCSAT-1 (Athena I) 1/26/99 CCAS
- Currently planning to bring additional launch site on-line: Kodiak Island
- Accommodates Up to 12 Launches/Year
- 4 launches remaining on current manifest
  - › IKONOS I (Athena II) 2Q'99 VAFB
  - › IKONOS II (Athena II) 4Q'99 VAFB
  - › SBIRS-LADS (Athena II) 1Q'00 CCAS
  - › VCL (Athena I)\* 2Q'00 Kodiak

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\* Awarded and currently negotiating

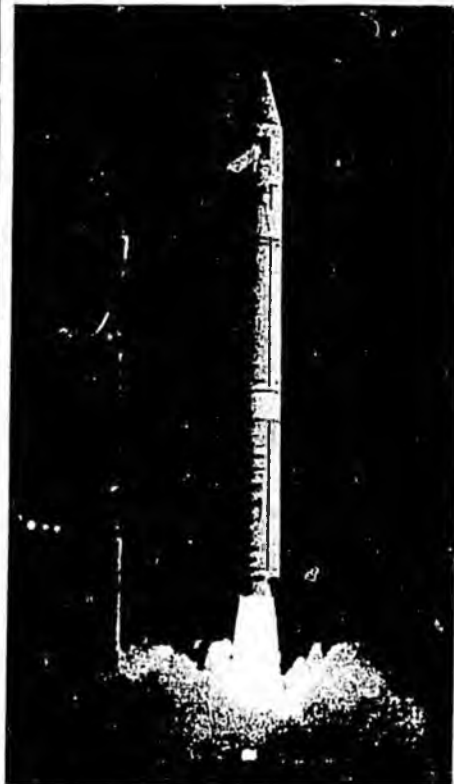
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SSTI Lewis



ROCSAT-1



Lunar Prospector



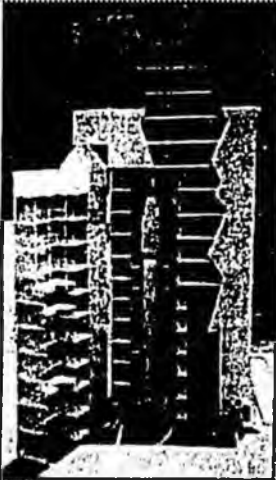
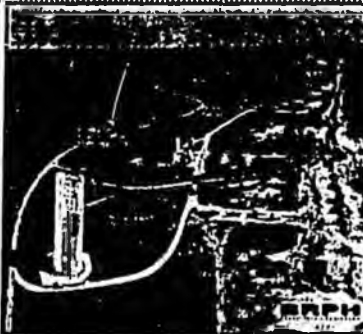
- Three Highly Successful Launches
- Two Vehicle Configurations
- Two Launch Site Activated and Demonstrated

	Requirement		Result	
	Nominal	Tolerance	Achieved	Error
<i>Athena 1 SSTI-Lewis, 22 August 1997 (note 1)</i>				
Apogee	300 km	+/- 10 km	300.8 km	0.8 km
Perigee	300 km	+10/-83 km	300.1 km	0.1 km
Inclination	97.550°	+/- 0.1°	97.552°	0.002°
<i>Lunar Prospector, 06 January 1998 (note 2)</i>				
Apogee	201.3 km	+/- 10 km	201.8 km	0.5 km
Perigee	153.1 km	+/- 10 km	152.7 km	0.4 km
Inclination	29.186°	+/- 0.2°	29.185°	0.001°
<i>ROCSAT-1, 26 January 1999 (note 3)</i>				
Apogee	600 km	+/- 50 km	600.2 km	0.2 km
Perigee	600 km	+/- 50 km	599.8 km	0.2 km
Inclination	35.00°	+/- 0.2°	34.987°	0.013°
Note 1: Source - Ground track data from NASA Goddard Space Flight Facility				
Note 2: Source - Ground track data from Ascension Island Tracking Station				
Note 3: Source - Athena Guidance Unit. Currently being confirmed by tracking data				

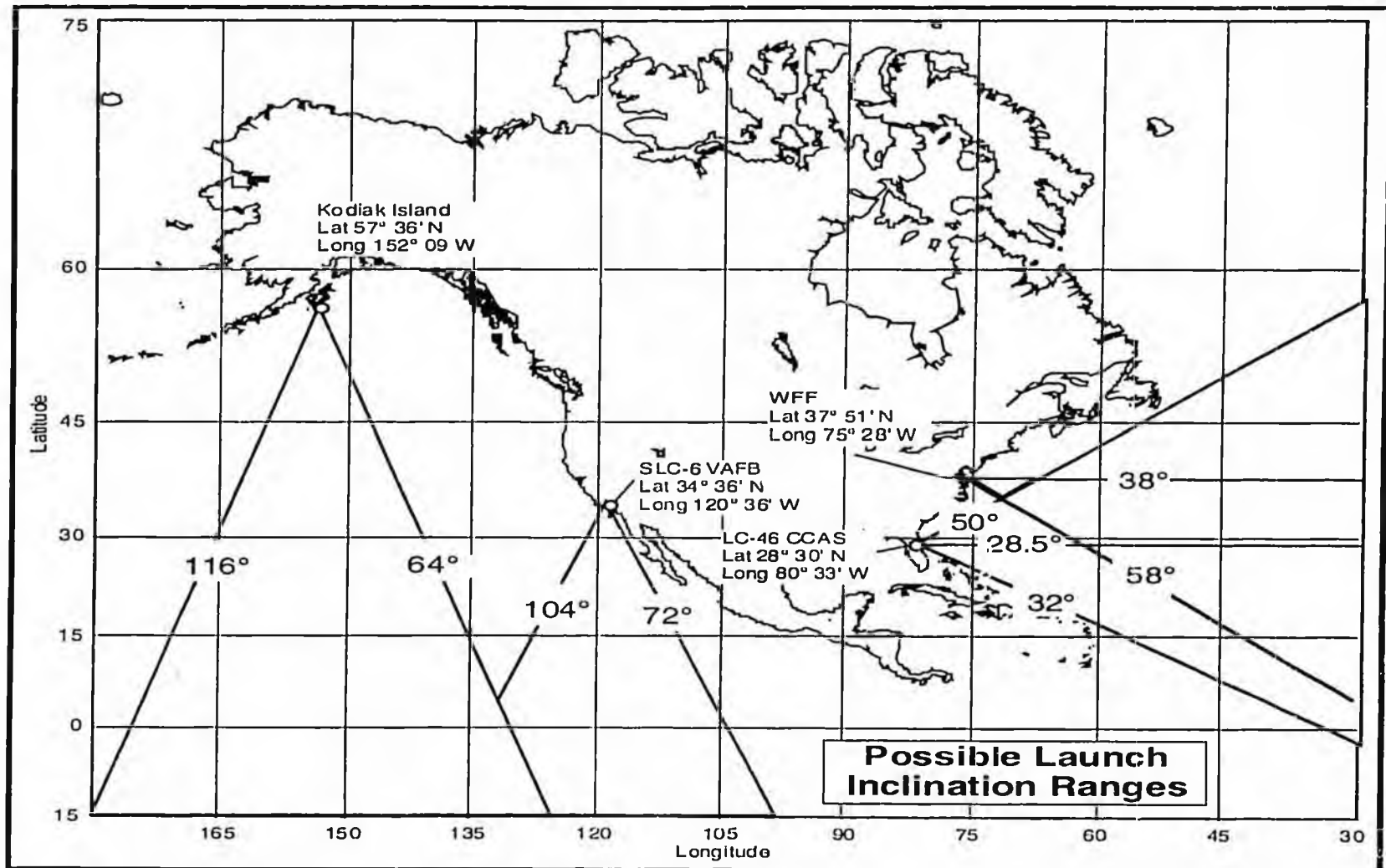
**Athena Design Validated**

# Launch Sites - Current and Future



			
SLC-6 at VAFB	Spaceport Florida Launch Complex 46	AADC- Kodiak Launch Complex (KLC)	VCSFA Wallops Island Launch Complex-0B
<u>Status</u> Operational Until End of '99	<u>Status</u> Operational	<u>Status</u> Operational Beginning in 1999	<u>Status</u> Operational Beginning in 2000
<u>Inclination Range</u> 70°-104°	<u>Inclination Range</u> 28.5°-50°	<u>Inclination Range</u> 64°-116°	<u>Inclination Range</u> 38°-58°
<u>Processing Facilities</u> IPF or Astrotech	<u>Processing Facilities</u> Astrotech	<u>Processing Facilities</u> Kodiak Launch Complex (KLC) On-Base	<u>Processing Facilities</u> On-Base NASA Facilities
<u>Scheduled Launches:</u> IKONOS 1 IKONOS 2	<u>Scheduled Launches:</u> ROCSAT 1 SBIRS-LADS	<u>Scheduled Launches:</u> VCL	<u>Scheduled Launches:</u>

# Athena Provides Full Range of Launch Inclinations

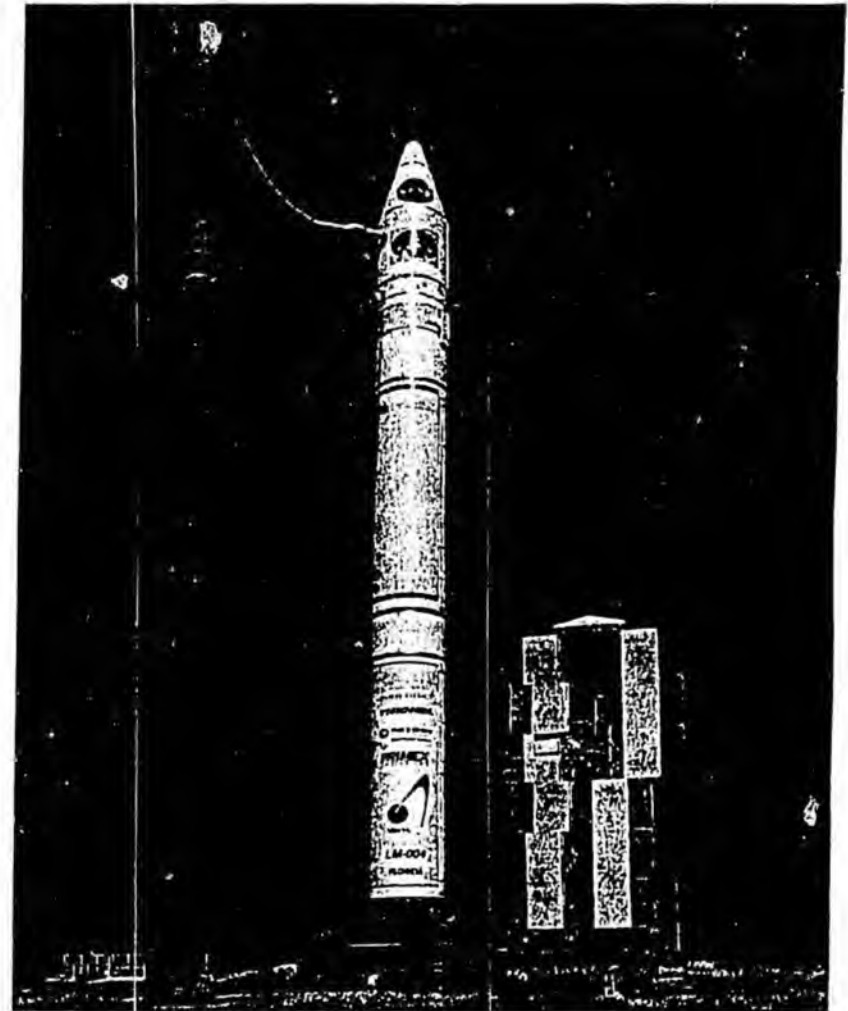


**Athena Can Meet The Widest Range of Inclination Requirements**



## In Summary

- Athena Launch System is Operational and Stands Ready to Meet Customer's Launch Needs
- Athena Can Meet The Greatest Range of Launch Requirements
- Athena Provides Complete Launch Service For One Time Price
- Lockheed Martin Commitment To Mission Success Demonstrated
- Athena Provides Reliable and Cost Effective Low Earth Orbit Access





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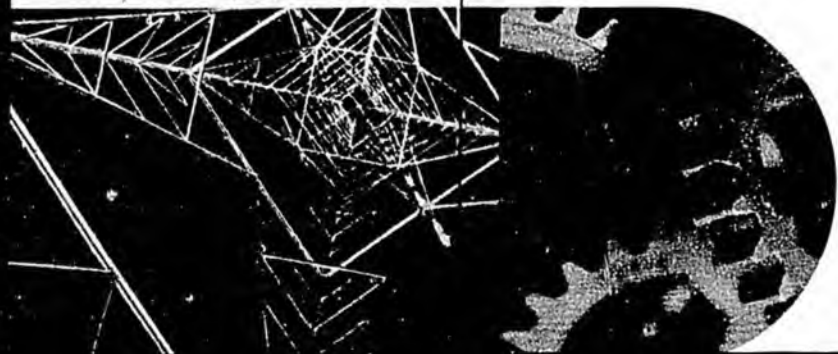
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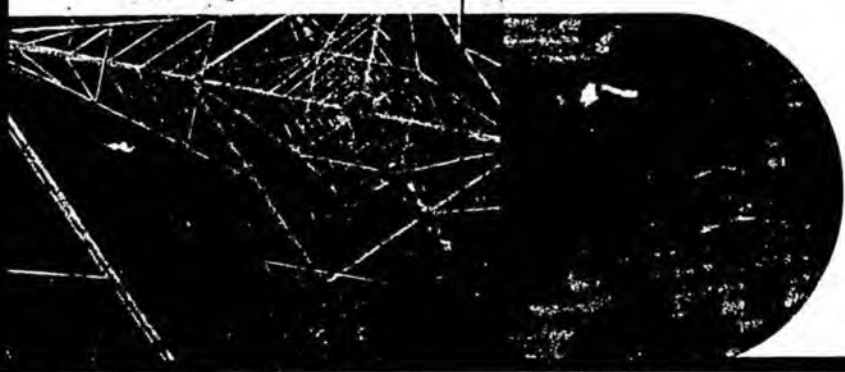


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CITIZENS OF ALASKA

We are pleased to offer this report on the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation's (ASTF) 1998 operations.

ASTF is having an increasing impact on growing Alaska's entrepreneurial economy. Funded projects in 1998 totaled \$13.4 million with a record \$64.5 million match.

A McDowell survey of recent grantees reports:

- 100 jobs a year since 1995 have been added by ASTF projects;
- \$13 million in additional sales;
- 84 percent report that the project would not have happened without ASTF; and
- more than a third report that they would not be in business without ASTF co-investment in their project.

Since the process from idea to sales takes seven to 10 years for most start-up technology companies, we think this shows ASTF's growing impact on Alaska's future economy.

ASTF would like to credit its partners in business, the university and the community in working with us to develop science and technology for the benefit of Alaskans. Our grantees' willingness to share risk, to develop clear research and development and business plans, and to directly involve end users of the science or technology being developed, are key criteria for both ASTF funds and ongoing success.

The reader of this report will see the impact ASTF is having working with different parts of the state's economy.

#### **Mining**

ASTF's work with state regulatory departments and the industry on a simpler test for measuring the impact of total dissolved solids promises to bring better science and more certainty to this key permitting issue. ASTF's work with mining and remote sensing companies on producing maps that integrate the latest technology with existing geotechnical and topographic data has been well received by mining representatives.

#### **Forest Products**

In 1998, a lumber grader was stationed in the state as a first step to recapturing the state 70-90 million board feet of imported lumber each year. Seven mills are now producing graded lumber. More mills are undertaking improvement projects and improving the technology and training necessary to compete.

#### **Energy**

Working with the resource owners and a long-term marketing focus on selling coal water fuel to Asian utilities, ASTF renewed its \$4 million commitment to the coal water fuel demonstration plant being built at UAF. A number of other

ASTF projects aim at using digital technology and alternative energy to bring lower cost electricity to rural Alaska.

#### Seafood

This summer, Alaska will see the first beta test of an integrated system to remove pinbones from salmon. ASTF investments in the seafood industry continue to exceed other sectors because of the opportunity to apply the latest technology to processing salmon into food and to expand the state's shellfish industry to new markets.

#### Internet

Most of Alaska's classrooms are now wired to the Internet with the help of thousands of NetDay volunteers, businesses, schools and ASTF's \$10,000 per building grants to cover one-time wiring and router costs.

This increased demand and the new federal e-rate program is resulting in improved high-speed connections to Alaskan schools and communities. In the coming year, ASTF will continue to work with communities and schools on integrating the technology into the curriculum and widening the discussion on the appropriate use of the technology. In addition, our work with science museums, schools, and regional economic development organizations will continue so Alaska can realize the full educational and economic promise of being connected.

#### Thanks

In the coming year, ASTF will spend more time communicating the impact of its work. Part of that task is to offer a clearer picture of the technical and commercial challenges in each industry sector so we can build a broader economic base for the state.

We continue to have the highest appreciation for the foresight and participation of Alaska's political leaders and citizens in our work.

Ron Duncan  
Chair



Jamie Kenworthy  
Executive Director



*Jamie Kenworthy*

"Value-added" is an easy phrase to say. But it is much harder to find the structure the projects that can accomplish to Alaska's resources. More fun are the entrepreneurs ASTF on projects that are adding both economic and social



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#### ASTF PARTNERS BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE IN ALASKA

To expand Alaska's economy and to create jobs, students and business leaders need basic tools to perform their jobs. They need access to the World Wide Web for research, networking and sales capabilities; they need to hire employees who are bright, creative and knowledgeable; and, they need to obtain the financing and business management counsel necessary to operate a successful business. During the past year, ASTF was able to provide this type of assistance to help tomorrow's scientists and engineers succeed.



#### FY98 Funded Projects by Sector

Mining	\$ 31,200
Forestry & Wood Products	219,610
Agriculture	277,232
Public Health & Safety	326,919
Environmental	346,000
Teachers	355,036
Sanitation	455,240
Software & Hardware	598,534
Fisheries & Aquaculture	725,987
Science & Engineering Infrastructure	737,671
Arctic Engineering	1,439,610
Internet Connectivity	1,902,237
Energy	2,214,743
Low Rank Coal Water Fuel	3,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,430,019</b>

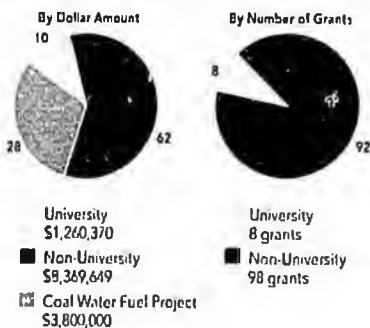
#### BIDCOs: Risk Capital at Work

ASTF's first experiment with establishing a Business and Industrial Development Corporation (BIDCO) proved successful in its first year of operation. Alaska Growth Capital was established one year ago following \$3 million in funding from Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, matched with a \$3 million Alaska Science & Technology Foundation loan to offer early-stage financing and technical assistance to small and medium-sized Alaska businesses. A BIDCO makes loans, but unlike a bank, it also can make equity investments in growing businesses and provide technical assistance and management consultant services to client businesses. The formation of the BIDCO was meant to fill a gap in Alaska's financial infrastructure by providing pre-bankable risk capital. In its first year of operation, Growth Capital made six loans to Alaska companies, added \$1 million in equity and has been certified by two federal loan programs. The BIDCO also illustrated that it can play an important role in diversifying and supporting the state's entrepreneurial economy. Compared to its original business plan, the BIDCO is ahead of projections on investments and increased capitalization and is on track in helping to expand the state's economic base.

During the past year, Growth Capital approved six loans totaling \$1.278 million to:

- Boynton Printing of Barrow for operation of a full-service print shop;
- Wrangell Seafoods of Wrangell for operation of a fish processing plant;
- Scientific Fisheries Systems of Anchorage to help market software and electronic products that enhance fisheries management and harvesting;

#### Percentage of Total ASTF Grants



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- High Priority Services of Palmer to expand computerized building maintenance systems;
- Last Frontier Guest Ranch and Last Frontier Air Ventures of Chickaloon to complete construction of a visitor lodge and develop a heli-skiing operation; and,
- Alaska Canine Cookies of Anchorage to expand production of gourmet pet treats.

In addition to providing direct loans, Growth Capital has attracted \$1.25 million of bank financing to deals that might have been perceived as too risky.

#### The Internet: Alaska's Access to the World

ASTF also is committed to the Internet, which it sees as a digital infrastructure capable of enhancing future education and economic development. In partnership with the Southwest Municipal Conference, ASTF cofunded the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Telecommunications Forum in September 1997, where education and village leaders discussed the impact the Internet is having on the region. A similar conference was convened in Bethel in December 1997, hosted by the Distance Delivery Consortium and partially funded by ASTF. Both regions are developing web pages to promote the regions' assets, and are identifying local resources that can assist businesses and parents who are interested in how the Internet can expand opportunities in rural Alaska.

ASTF's involvement in education extended to cosponsoring the Science & Society Lecture series in conjunction with the University of Alaska Anchorage. Speaker topics included arctic building, physics, anthropology, whale photography, the human brain and Alaska birds. The series targeted middle school through college students, teachers and the general public to raise awareness and interest in science issues. ASTF also funded Internet wiring and the development of web sites for the Pratt Museum in Homer, Volcano Learning Center in Kenai and the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward. Science directors said electronic outreach was one way to increase science education, as well as to attract visitors to their facilities.

ASTF impact on Alaska's science and math capabilities continued via its teacher grant program. Each year, the agency accepts proposals from K-12 teachers statewide who have exhibited a unique approach to teaching math or science. This program awards funding to cover expenses, travel to attend its

## The 1998 ASTF Teachers' Conference

More than 75 of Alaska's most dynamic teachers met in Anchorage in April to show-off their science, math and statistics projects. A workshop on use of the Internet in the classroom was followed by two days of "open house" at the Egan Convention Center. While past conferences showed some teachers had classroom Internet connections, the 1998 conference found that almost all of the participating teachers were connected to the Internet, and that many of their students had constructed a web page to publish their project to the world. Participants ranged from middle school students who showcased a book written and printed on Seward's Plant Life, to an Anchorage Elementary class sharing the creatures and plant life it found in Baxter Bog behind the school. Tustumena Elementary's booth, which allowed young students to try on a NASA space suit and to fly a space balloon, was a popular stop for conference attendees. Satellite tracking of birds, a study on Seasonal Affective Disorder, salmon egg incubation, a Glacier Bay population study and timber regrowth in Southeast Alaska were just some of the topics teachers presented at the 1998 conference.



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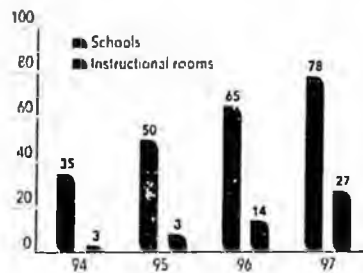
## ASTF Funds and Alaskan Volunteers Wire Schools to the Internet

ASTF's project to help fund the wiring for Alaska schools to connect to the Internet turned out to be one of the most successful projects in the agency's history. During the past 18 months, more than \$4.4 million in ASTF funding has been matched with \$8.5 million in cash and in-kind services for the statewide Internet Connectivity project. NetDay Alaska 2000 organized volunteers – including parents, the International Brotherhood of Electrical workers, hundreds of other Alaska businesses, telecommunications companies and students – to connect schools to the Internet.

According to the 1998 Technology Counts report recently published in *Education Week*, approximately 85 percent of Alaska's schools have Internet access and 44 percent of the state's classrooms are wired, which is nearly twice the access rate of classrooms in the Lower 48. NetDay organizers in Alaska have put that figure at closer to 70 percent, and believe Alaska is more than keeping pace with the national directive to have all of the nation's schools and classrooms connected to the Internet by 2000. While ASTF's participation has gone a long way toward making Alaska schools technologically literate, especially compared to the rest of the nation, the state faces huge challenges in the future. Many rural schools lack the higher speed telephone lines and infrastructure necessary to use the Internet effectively. Others lack computers and support staff to integrate technology into skill development and curriculum goals.



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**Percentage of Schools with Internet Access**  
The percentage of public schools and instructional classrooms with access to the Internet has been rising quickly, according to surveys of a nationally representative sample of schools between 1994 and 1997.

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annual teachers' conference and development of school web sites to disseminate project information to others.

This year, the ASTF board approved a record number – 53 teacher grants – after it received the best set of proposals the agency has ever seen. These projects will be implemented during the 1998-99 school year.

### Rockets: Launching the State's Space Business

Another project, in which ASTF played a role, will have a long-term economic impact on the state, and particularly the community of Kodiak. Alaskans have been discussing how to get a foothold in the space business for nearly a decade, but this year that dream began to unfold. The Alaska Legislature authorized ASTF to award a \$5 million grant to the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation (AADC), an independent state agency charged with building and operating a rocket launch facility on Kodiak Island. ASTF's grant money was added to federal grant funds: \$5 million from the National Aeronautical Space Agency and \$18 million in Air Force missile defense money.



Al Grillo

Construction is now underway at Narrow Cape, on the northeast coast of Kodiak Island, and a test rocket already has been launched. When completed, the rocket launch facility will include a 14,000-foot control center, a payload and spacecraft assembly building and a fixed launch pad. Future needs will include construction of a launch tower.

ASTF's investment in the Kodiak launch complex was made after development of a business plan showing that commercial launches could be attracted from private companies seeking polar orbits for telecommunications satellites. With federal funds financing most of the complex, and some military launches committed, the next step for AADC is to attract commercial launches.

## SOLUTIONS TO ALASKA'S HEALTH & SAFETY CHALLENGES

Honey buckets, the threat of earthquakes or tsunamis, and the challenges of sharing the same space with wild animals formed the basis of several ASTF coinvestments this year.



### Sanitation

Improving village sanitation has been one of the Foundation's highest priorities. A Technology Review Board (TRB) was formed and has been charged with the technical evaluation of wastewater and clean water innovations statewide and the acceptability in local communities. Participants in the TRB included engineers from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the University of Alaska, U.S. Public Health Service and members from ASTF and Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI). In the coming year, the review board will focus on the provisional permitting of effective and innovative systems. As a first step toward the goal of villages assuming the responsibility of maintaining wastewater systems, ASTF funded a demonstration project allowing AVI to work with the villages of Kipnuk and Kwigillingok in long-range planning for improvement of village sanitation.

ASTF also assisted the North Slope Borough with a \$150,000 grant, matched with \$440,870 to test a new vacuum valve for sewer systems in four villages. The project involved modifying a vacuum valve design for sewer connections used in warmer climates but operated in Arctic conditions. As a result of the project, officials now know how to design and operate an efficient vacuum sewer system for areas like Pilot Point, where the permafrost isn't very deep.

### Bears, Geese, and Iditarod Dogs

Heightened by recent bear maulings, public debate continues to focus on what Alaskans can do to coexist peacefully with bears. ASTF has coinvested \$19,846, matched by \$22,221, in a project with a University of Alaska graduate student, the Department of Fish & Game and Chugach State Park to define which areas around Anchorage provide key bear habitat. Bears were collared with radio transmitters and a database was developed for analyzing the bears' movements within the Anchorage Bowl. It is hoped that this project will assist

## Mapping

Two projects funded in this fiscal year will give scientists valuable information to use if a natural disaster should strike. In 1998, ASTF approved a \$668,654, matched with \$771,236 to continue a seismic micronization project with Niren Biswas and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute. The goal of this project was to determine the earthquake design parameters appropriate for building design and construction throughout Anchorage, and to make that information available to those working in the local engineering and construction fields.

As part of the research, state-of-the-art motion detectors were strategically placed around the city in different zones to correlate periodic tremors with local soil conditions and geology. A Project Review Panel, made up of representatives from the Anchorage Building Safety Department, Division of Emergency Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and local structural and geotechnical engineers, met quarterly to review data and ensure that the project's end product – microzone maps detailing structural requirements in different neighborhoods – would provide maximum benefit to all end-users. This is the largest knowledge grant ASTF has awarded to date.

In June, the ASTF board approved \$60,000 in funding to a team of university, state and federal employees to evaluate and map Alaska coastal areas that would be affected by flooding following large earthquakes or landslide generating tsunamis. Mapping is being completed for three communities on Kodiak Island and could be a prototype adapted for other communities.





Clark Mishler

land use planners to map future housing and commercial development around the pattern of bear movements.

Another ASTF grant recipient, McNeil River Enterprises, is waiting for federal approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to sell animal repellent pepper sprays. ASTF helped the Anchorage-based company with \$20,000, matched with \$46,464, to fund laboratory tests required by the EPA. If successful, Guard Alaska spray, in various sizes and dispensers, could be found on store shelves nationwide as one of only two federally approved products of its kind. This company's long-term plans include development of an Anchorage production and packaging facility.

When an Air Force plane crashed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in 1995, killing all on board, Alaskans were reminded of the dangers of a growing geese population. ASTF teamed-up with Peter Scorup, a Palmer resident studying a native Alaskan grass called *Puccinellia arctica*, to determine if the grass repels geese. Scorup, who used to work on Alaska's North Slope re-vegetating areas around the Alaska Pipeline, remembered that this type of grass seemed to repel geese. Using \$197,232 in ASTF funds matched by \$180,830, several test areas have been planted around Anchorage to see if the grass could be planted at parks, airports and other areas where high concentrations of geese can be hazardous.

ASTF also invested \$71,200, matched with \$40,200 on an interesting study of Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race dogs to determine why some dogs suddenly die on the trail. Since 1995, veterinarian Karin Schmidt, and other vets, has been performing electrocardiogram (EKG) tests on sled dogs to detect at-risk dogs and retire them from racing. This study not only could have a life-saving impact on dogs, but it also could help raise the profile of care sled dogs receive during strenuous competition.

## Alaska-Based Wood Grader Expands Industry's Potential

### PARTNERS IN EXPANDING ALASKA'S WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

One of Alaska's finest natural resources is its timber, and ASTF has been working hard over several years to fund entrepreneurs who recognize this industry's potential and who are willing to work to expand it.

A McDowell Group study, commissioned last year, found that Alaskans use enough lumber each year to fully support every lumber mill in the state. The report said that on an annual basis the state imports 70 to 90 million board feet of dimension lumber. This is the equivalent to exporting 500 direct jobs in Alaska's economy. It also defined the in-state market for finished and semi-finished wood products and recommended tactics for sawmills and wood product manufacturers to increase sales. ASTF is working with sawmill owners and the Industry Network Corporation on a robust agenda to deliver grading, technical and marketing assistance to take back those 500 jobs.

In December 1997, ASTF awarded Sealaska a \$204,385 matching grant to fund a 12-year study to research the best ways to manage plant regeneration in Southeast Alaska's clearcut harvest areas. The study will look at ways higher quality trees can be grown as well as techniques to sustain and improve deer habitat. The project, matched by more than \$263,000 in Sealaska funds, is receiving national recognition. One of the principal researchers in the project, Dr. Michael Newton of Oregon State University's School of Forestry, was recently awarded the 1998 Barrington Moore Memorial Award. The award, announced by the National Society of American Foresters, recognizes distinguished individual research in biological science that results in substantial advances in forestry.

Another area showing huge potential is the value-added wood products industry. In pursuit of that, ASTF coinvested \$15,225, matched by \$28,200, in a mobile dry kiln project with the Mat-Su Resource & Development Council. The group is building a prototype, low-cost mobile dry kiln for lumber production.

Meanwhile, ASTF grant recipient Tyonek Native Corporation and Alaska Wood Products completed its third bridge, produced by a proprietary double-diffusion process using Alaska white spruce. A second mill is now being considered to produce bridge materials and telephone poles for the Interior market.



A major accomplishment for ASTF came in February 1998 when then Speaker of the House Gail Phillips, Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer and Western Wood Products Association (WWPA) President Walter Wirfs announced that a lumber grader would be based in the state. Prior to this agreement, inspectors were flown up from the lower 48 states to inspect Alaska lumber – a practice that was cost-prohibitive for most small sawmills. As well as inspecting lumber, the grader offers advice on how to produce higher quality timber and suggests ways sawmills might be more efficient.

The lumber grader position was part of the Industry Network Corporation's (INC) forest products initiative and was funded by a \$200,000 per year ASTF grant, matched by \$200,000 in federal funds. Mike McGuigan is WWPA's grader stationed in the state. While his home is in Eagle River, Mike is usually traveling throughout the state visiting mills to grade lumber, train mill employees on grading rules, and consulting on how to improve quality so markets can be expanded. Seven mills are enrolled in the WWPA program, and workshops on producing and buying graded material have been held with buyers and suppliers.



Western Wood Products Association



### **SEAFOOD AND FISHING INDUSTRY PARTNERS EXPAND PRODUCTS AND MARKETS**

In no other industry has ASTF been more active than in fisheries. One of the Foundation's primary goals has been to work with Alaskans improving the uses of Alaska's seafood and fisheries resources. Dozens of ASTF grant recipients, including 10 in the last year, are working to grow the potential of one of Alaska's top resources.



#### **Value-Added: Selling Salmon as Food**

Several ASTF grantees have been successful in producing new products and new markets for Alaskan fish, especially salmon. In Auke Bay, ASTF provided \$203,400, matched with \$140,038 to Zoic Resources. The company developed a freeze-drying technique that is turning hatchery salmon into pet food that sells for as much as \$30 per pound. Called WAGS, the cubed, freeze-dried salmon is specially sealed in foil pouches that have a long shelf life and don't require refrigeration. Zoic Resources President Lori Nottingham has been working with the Douglas Island Pink and Chum hatchery in Juneau to use its abundant supply of hatchery brood salmon. In the coming year, Nottingham plans to test market her product and build relationships with distributors who can help her break into the highly competitive pet food market.

Another ASTF-assisted project has worked to increase the purchase of under-utilized Yukon chum salmon. The Yukon Drainage Fisheries Association conducted telemarketing, sent direct sample shipments, attended trade shows and produced promotional materials in an attempt to develop new markets for Yukon River salmon products. This project united several diverse processing interests under one organization to share promotional and market development costs and to identify niche markets for salmon products.

Eight small companies have pooled their resources to form the Yukon Delta Products Association. With the assistance of a \$188,750 ASTF grant and \$321,670 in matching funds, the group worked on ways to market innovative salmon products nationwide. So far, the Alaska Salmon Marketing Alliance has signed a deal with Spartan Stores for product demonstrations in three upscale Michigan supermarkets and has a tentative deal for kiosks in Dallas and Chicago.



TBR5, Inc.

## ASTF Grantees Tackle Pinbone Technology

He's been nicknamed the "Pinbone Wizard," and Ray Wadsworth may soon be one of ASTF's shining examples of how a good idea and hard work can result in a new Alaska fish market. Wadsworth has developed the Total Bone Removal System, the first-ever complete processing solution to remove all of the bones, including pinbones from fresh, wild Alaska salmon. Most believe that consumers would eat more "heart-healthy" salmon if the pinbones weren't such a problem. Wadsworth's invention has received a patent and is being prototype tested and perfected. Plans are to show processors first-hand the efficiency of this system and the marketability for vacuum bagged, fresh salmon filets.

Another grant recipient has taken a different approach to the pinbone problem, aiming at restaurants instead of processors. Larry Kozycki, working with Kodiak's Fishery Industrial Technology Center, recently received second stage federal financing to continue pursuing his invention that could solve the pinbone removal problem.

With some of the Northwest's salmon being shipped to Asia to be deboned by hand before it is brought back to the U.S., Alaska must work to compete by offering a higher tech, higher value product that can be marketed directly to the consumer. If successful, either of these pinbone projects could reduce labor costs and increase profits to the point that value-added salmon products could compete with whitefish and other products in the supermarket.

### Expanding the Shellfish Industry

One of the barriers to growing Alaska's shellfish market has been the time required to transport seafood to major markets. Working with Iceberg Seafoods, ASTF invested \$227,073, matched by the company's own investment of \$210,200, to help test an innovative seawater holding tank that would allow live shellfish to refresh in Anchorage. The hope is this new system will help shellfish better survive air shipping to Asia markets.

One of the fishing industry's most formidable tasks has been dealing with the subject of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). With Alaska's high subsistence rate, and abundance of shellfish, it has become critical to find a way to test and monitor for PSP. In response, ASTF released a Request for Proposals (RFP) asking for studies on the phenomenon and suggestions for how to monitor the problem. Since the RFP was released, ASTF has issued three grants. Gerald Plumley at UAF's Institute of Marine Science received a \$19,839 grant, matched with \$4,160, to investigate a new method for detecting PSP in Alaska waters. The Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation has been allocated \$49,048, matched by more than \$66,000, to conduct a community-based PSP testing project near Dillingham. A third grant to Raymond Roberts has been funded by ASTF at the \$91,704 level, matched with \$124,010 to develop an on-site beach and laboratory testing kit that could be used to determine if shellfish are safe for consumption. ASTF continues to seek good ideas on ways to manage the PSP problem.

### Technology to Manage the Resource

ASTF grant recipients also are working to help fisheries managers continue to base their decisions on sound data. Pat Simpson of Sci Fish has developed The Fisherman's Associate, a geographic information system that maps fishing regions and helps fishermen reduce bycatch. Simpson also has developed a patented, broadband sonar fish identification system.

ASTF assisted with the funding for a University of Alaska and Department of Fish & Game test using sonar to estimate fish returns in rivers. Software developed under this project could lead to new products in fisheries acoustics.



Mark Kelley

## ASTF BUILDS VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS WITH ENTREPRENEURS

Being an Alaskan often means having an "I can do attitude." Several of the inventors and entrepreneurs ASTF has worked with in the last year reflect that attitude. From ginseng to all-track vehicles, Alaskans seem to have a knack for taking a good idea and coming up with new products and businesses.

Take Kerry Snare and Kirk Studebaker of Chinook Manufacturing who have invented an all terrain vehicle called the Jager. The vehicle travels cross-country with minimum impact and can be adapted with skis or wheels on the front. With a direct appeal to hunters, geophysical workers and emergency response personnel in Alaska's Bush, Chinook already has received several orders for its unique machine and is working toward mass production.

ASTF grant recipient Randy Brand of Fairbanks also continues to pursue his idea, which will lead to less risk of fuel spills on boats. Brand's company, Denali Corporation, has received a patent and is producing prototypes of a marine fuel discharge prevention device that can be used on a boat. The device simply fits onto the boat gas tank and fill spout, and keeps any fuel from spilling during refueling.

Ginseng is the most profitable, sustainable agricultural product grown in North America, valued at \$120,000 per acre at harvest. To David Smith of Anchorage, ginseng is an opportunity for Alaska waiting to be developed. With \$213,000 of his own money and assistance from a 1997 \$80,000 ASTF grant, Smith is looking at how wild ginseng might be Alaska's next promising agricultural product. Working with the Plant Material Center in Palmer and the State Division of Agriculture, Smith's ginseng plants have grown better and are more cost-effective than even first anticipated. Smith has learned that there are more than 20 ideal sites for growing ginseng between Pt. McKenzie and Trapper Creek. Smith is on his way to developing a new high-value product in Alaska. He has now filed for more than \$150,000 in U.S. Department of Agriculture grants and is in contact with ginseng growers worldwide. In a few short years, Alaska could be competing with Canada as the number one exporter of American ginseng to Pacific Rim countries.





Chris Arend

## Leading Edge Exhaust System Business Takes Off

After repairing Cessna airplanes for several years in Alaska, Dane Wagner knew there had to be a better way. Again and again he saw failed exhaust systems requiring costly repairs. So Wagner decided to take the matter into his own hands. With the help of a \$176,426 ASTF grant, Wagner threw in \$437,778 of his own money and in-kind services to successfully develop a new exhaust system that corrects what he believed to be design flaws. Wagner said that by using state-of-the-art mandrel tube bending technology, the new exhaust system design would result in a balanced system that reduces engine back-pressure and noise levels and would yield an extended product life.

Wagner's company, Leading Edge Exhaust Systems (LEES), announced in August 1998 that it had received a patent, certification and Federal Aviation Administration approval to sell the new exhaust system. The company plans to concentrate on Alaska sales for the first year, then hopes to expand nationally. LEES estimates that more than 1,600 exhaust system units are repaired on Cessna 205 to 210 series aircraft each year. The company hopes to capture 14 percent of that market in its first year.

"Part of ASTF's mission is to help turn good ideas into viable businesses, so we're thrilled to see LEES making it through the manufacturing stage and to a point where it is selling product," said Jamie Kenworthy, executive director of ASTF.

### From Trash to Treasures

Three other ASTF grantees have come up with innovative businesses turning throw-away items into valuable products.

**Fairbanks:** Interior Alaska Green Star, working with the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, received \$80,000 in ASTF support, matched by nearly \$46,000, to recycle glass into decorative glass tiles. The group is looking at different ways to crush and process glass, fuse it and turn it into value-added products such as decorative tile. The project plans to hire disabled workers, creating important new jobs for area residents.

**Anchorage:** John Dean, who is one of ASTF's most well-known partners through his work in building the Anchorage Regional Composting Facility, is now developing another new industry in Anchorage. ASTF has invested \$266,000, matched with \$235,600 to help Dean design, fabricate and assemble a recycled glass processing plant. Dean's plan is to turn glass, which is currently not being recycled in Alaska, into fine, sandblasting material and other retail products. Dean already has identified a market and a distribution partner for his products, and is developing a unique glass crusher system that in itself could be sold to other companies.

**Sitka:** ASTF also continues to facilitate the potential for composting in Alaska. ASTF coinvested \$137,538, matched with \$26,666 with Sitka Tribal Enterprises to develop and operate a composting facility in Sitka. This project, which partners the tribal group with Ketchikan Pulp Company, Sitka Sound Seafoods and the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, is working to make an organic, soil-like compost from fish and timber waste. The pilot project is being developed on property owned by the City and Borough of Sitka, and will result in a variety of products being sold under the Alaska Earth Works product name.

The close working relationship each project has within the community shows these grantees' interest in both business development and avoided landfill costs.

ASTF has gathered an informal group of individuals to make sure that knowledge on composting, equipment, practices and regulations is shared statewide.

## PARTNERS IN MINING AND ENERGY RESOURCES

### Developing Alaska's Coal

Alaska has immense reserves of low-sulfur coal that could fuel new natural resource processing industry. Working with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), ASTF agreed to coinvest \$4.25 million in a project with the UAF to develop a demonstration project of coal diesel technology using Low Rank Coal Water Fuel (LRCWF). The ASTF, UAF and Usibelli Coal Mine funds were necessary to complete the match for the \$20 million in Department of Energy (DOE) cash to finance the demonstration plant. Part of the ASTF grant will go toward market research to assess the potential market for tidewater Beluga coal to compete with fuel oil in the expanding Asian market. DOE funds will be used to operate the plant beginning in January 2000 using LRCWF in diesel engines to produce electricity for the UAF campus.

ASTF and its partners hope the demonstration project will prove the economics for the production and use of LRCWF. If successful, it also will show that electricity can be reliably produced by diesel engines using coal-derived fuel. The project includes assessing the impact on LRCWF on the marine environment, and, in cooperation with state trade and infrastructure funding agencies, will examine the issues and investments necessary to make the export of tidewater coal a reality by 2005.

### Harnessing Tidal Power

In another project to research Alaska's unique potential for energy resources, ASTF and the Alaska Division of Energy helped to fund a study on the feasibility of a prototype tidal power plant in Cordova. Peter Ullman's Tidal Energy of Alaska, Inc. (TEA) has researched locations where the ocean tides can be used to generate power around the world, and believes that Alaska is a prime location for such innovation. TEA also will look into possible partners for making a tidal power plant, estimated to cost about \$14 million, a reality in Alaska.

### Desulfurization Technology

With assistance from a \$403,000 ASTF grant, matched with \$879,735, Alaskan crude refinery operator Petro Star is continuing its work to develop a



## Industry and Regulators Work to Improve Water Quality

One of the big challenges to Alaska's mining industry is minimizing the effect mining has on the environment. ASTF is working with two grantees to provide the science base required to establish appropriate water quality standards.

One project involves a number of agencies working together including the Council of Alaska Producers, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and the Environmental Protection Agency. Using \$13,200 in ASTF funds and matching it with \$13,370, the project is designing and researching the agenda required to determine the effects of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) on fish and related aquatic life. The results of this project will provide DEC with data useful in evaluating regulations governing TDS limits.

ASTF also has coinvested in a water quality project to examine water quality on the Fortymile River. During the summer of 1998, water samples were taken from the Fortymile River that will distinguish the turbidity resulting from dredge operations from background data caused by the stream's natural dynamics.

process for removing sulfur from diesel fuel produced in Alaska. Sulfur removal processes are too costly for smaller refineries, such as those in this state. But if Petro Star is successful, small to mid-size refineries could expand their markets by having the ability to sell low sulfur diesel fuel. Petro Star's vision for this project includes a future pilot plant to produce low-sulfur diesel – the first step to building a full-scale facility.

### Monitoring Technology Saves Money

Work continues on a grant to Distributed Systems, LLC to develop its IED 2000/GenMan Software. The product being developed through this ASTF-funded project is a system to remotely monitor and control power generation systems in rural Alaska. Much of the discussion about this grant has focused on the financial woes of Distributed Solutions' affiliated company, Alaska Power Systems, and on the overall debate about how power is now provided in rural Alaska. ASTF still holds an interest in the GenMan technology, which continues to be developed for the worldwide market as a promising technology to reduce power costs in remote areas.

Making natural resource extraction safer and more efficient also is of interest to ASTF. The Foundation has granted \$20,000 to K2 Technology, matched by \$57,171 of the company's money. The grant aims to develop software to manage non-destructive test inspection data on pressure vessels, tanks and pipelines in Alaska's petroleum industry.

### Remote Sensing Tools Assist Mining Exploration

Another promising project for the mining industry is one that will demonstrate how new and declassified remote sensing techniques can be used in mining operations. Working with AeroMap U.S. of Anchorage, the Department of Natural Resources and Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc., ASTF provided \$396,390, matched with \$292,817 to fund a project that will show mining companies how to use information that integrates the latest remote sensing techniques with geotechnical information and topographic information. Sample products, reviews and results of the surveys will be included on a CD-ROM that will be made available to mining companies statewide.



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#### ASTF'S ENTREPRENEURS HONORED IN 1998

As ASTF's grant recipients commercialize their products and build their businesses, they are attracting the attention of local, state and federal organizations. During the past 24 months, two ASTF projects have been awarded the prestigious Tibbetts Award for technological accomplishment. The Tibbetts award is given to companies that receive federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) funding.

Most recently, the Alaska Technology Transfer Center was honored with a Tibbetts Award. For the past three years, ASTF has supported Charles Christy's work to provide assistance to small Alaska businesses applying for SBIR funding or needing database searches on technical issues. Until only a few years ago, Alaskans rarely applied for SBIR funding and few were awarded. But in the last few years, more SBIR funding is being awarded to in-state projects.

Engineer Dennis Nottingham of the Anchorage firm Peratrovich, Nottingham and Drage, Inc. is another ASTF grant recipient receiving kudos this year. ASTF assisted Nottingham several years ago with preliminary work in designing a wave barrier superior to anything else built in Alaska. After several years of refinement, Nottingham received the 1998 NOVA Award for his "open-cell" bulkhead innovation. The NOVA Award is presented by the Construction Innovation Forum in recognition of revolutionary construction innovations that improve quality, efficiency and cost-effectiveness. More than 70 "open-cell" structures have now been built for uses including bridge abutments, docks, erosion control, oil spill containment and weirs. The cost of "open-cell" docks is typically one-fourth less than other bulkhead types and less than half the cost of equivalent platform docks.

On November 23, 1998 the Journal of Alaska Business and Commerce and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce named the first class of "Alaska's Top Forty Under 40" that honors young professionals making headlines in business fields. Lori Nottingham of ZOIC Resources, Rick Lee of Integrated Power Technologies, Eden Larson of Larson & Associates, and Kirk Studebaker of Chinook Manufacturing are four ASTF grantees recognized, along with others, for their commitment to business growth, professional excellence, personal integrity and leadership.

## Oil Funds Aid Many Projects

### Foundation Spurs Innovative Efforts

Alaska has done some smart things over the years - believe it or not - with its money from North Slope oil royalties and taxes.

The \$22 billion Permanent Fund is one case in point. So is the alphabet soup of independent state corporations given an endowment of oil money, such as Alaska Housing Finance Corp. and Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority. These now make valuable contributions to the state's economy.

To that list let's add a lesser-known agency, the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. This was created in 1988 with an endowment of \$100 million. Investment earnings, about \$9 million this year, are used to finance a wide variety of technology projects.

Unlike AIDEA, which finances major development projects where risks are minimized, the Science and Technology Foundation's mission is to tackle the risky projects, to take on the entrepreneur or the inventor with a sound idea but whom no bank would touch.

Being risky doesn't mean these are blue-sky pipe dreams, though. ASTF's board has some level-headed businessmen and in recent years the foundation has required that projects it funds have a marketing plan - that they are economically relevant.

Meanwhile, the sheer scope of the projects undertaken by the foundation is impressive.

There are the large projects, partnering with other agencies and industry to help create the new space-launch business for Alaska (a Kodiak launch facility is now built), or the new coal-water fuel technology that will widen markets for Alaska coal developers (a demonstration plant is under construction in Fairbanks).

The smaller projects are just as meaningful. ASTF is working with inventors of a new machine that could economically remove pinbones from pink salmon. Processors now either leave these bones in the salmon or remove them by hand, and if a mechanical way was found to do it, pink salmon could be used in a wide variety of new products.

ASTF is also working with an Alaska aerial mapping firm developing new remote sensing systems to map potential mineral deposits, and with a group of mining companies on a simple, inexpensive test to measure suspended solids in water.

The latter project could cut a lot of hassle for mining companies and contractors that deal with government agencies on water-discharge permits.

Another small project will help small sawmills get dimensional lumber certified and graded so Alaska wood can be used in government construction, and used in places with strict building codes. Now, lumber is being brought in from other states. ASTF is working with the Western Wood Products

Association, a western state trade group, to bring a specialist to Alaska to grade local lumber and work with local mills in upgrading their capabilities.

A better-known project is ASTF's \$5 million effort to hard-wire over 500 Alaska schools around the state, about 7,000 classrooms in all, for access to the Internet. Without that access many of our children would remain in a technological stone age.

The foundation has a good track record, but in past years state legislators have made periodic runs on ASTF, hoping to divert its endowment to their own pork projects.

There hasn't been a serious attempt at a raid for several years now, and that's mainly because the foundation has done a good job of building constituencies, like the mining industry, to support its mission.

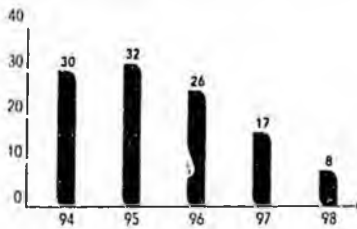
I like to think our ASTF is special, but in fact almost every state has something like it.

Some have much bigger endowments. Even on a per capita basis, where thinly-populated Alaska should score well, we rank in the middle of the pack in state support for research and development projects.

This is money well spent, though. These are seeds being planted to grow businesses and industries with new technologies. These will bring new jobs that pay well. It's the best kind of economic development.

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Operating Costs as a Percentage of Total Expenditures



ASTF operating costs include both administration and technical assistance to grantees and others. Expenditures do not include matching funds of applicants, industry, agencies, and in-kind support of ASTF projects.

**FISCAL YEAR 1998**

**FUND BALANCES – Year Ending June 30, 1998**

Principal	\$ 101,113,000
Earnings	14,455,000
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 115,568,000</b>

**EXPENDITURES OF ASTF FUNDS – Year Ending June 30, 1998**

**ASTF**

ASTF Grants	\$ 12,512,527
ASTF Operating Budget	1,109,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,621,709</b>

**LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS OF ASTF EARNINGS**

UAF Agriculture	\$ 2,610,000
Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation	\$ 503,200
Department of Commerce and Economic Development	480,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,593,200</b>

<b>Total Expenditures of ASTF Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 17,214,909</b>
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**FISCAL YEAR 1999**

**PROJECTED USAGE OF ASTF EARNINGS**

**ASTF**

ASTF Grants*	\$ 7,714,200
ASTF Operating Budget*	1,283,000
Low Rank Coal Water Fuel	3,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,797,200</b>

**LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS OF ASTF FUNDS**

UAF Agriculture	\$ 2,630,000
Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation Operating	557,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,187,600</b>

<b>Total Projected Usage</b>	<b>\$ 15,984,800</b>
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\* FY99 Budget Appropriations

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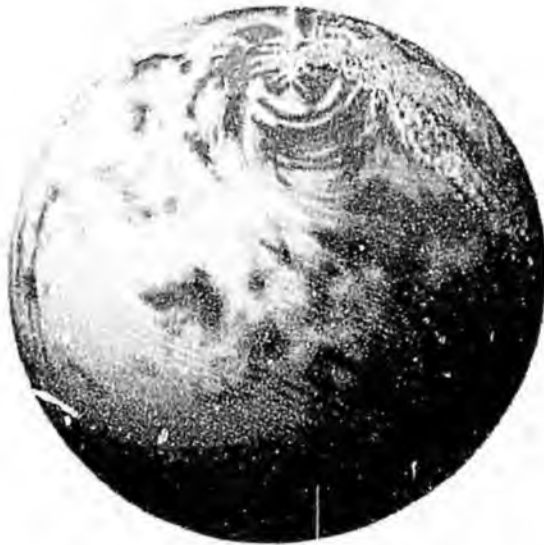
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*Inaugural Launch of ait-1 at the Kodiak Launch Complex, November 5, 1998.*

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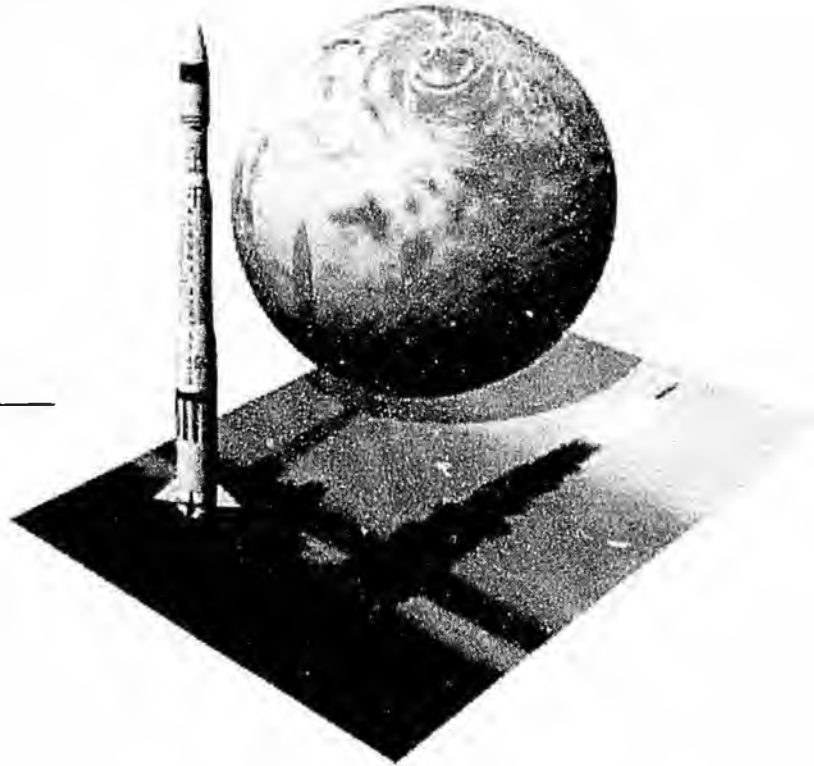
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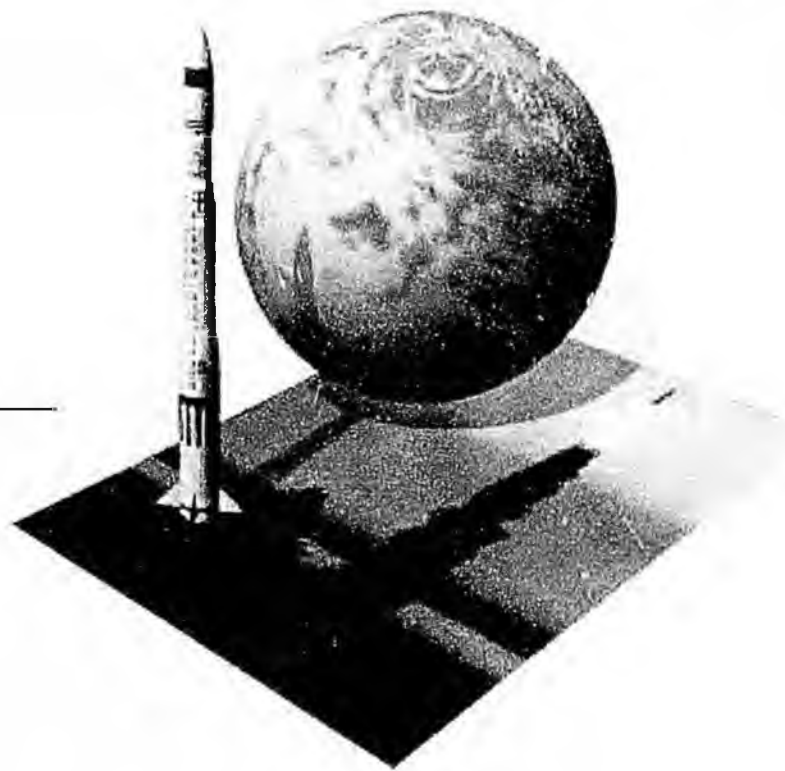
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## mission statement

The mission of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation (AADC) includes establishing and operating, in Alaska, a commercial launch facility promoting aerospace-related economic growth and developing corresponding technologies and support services. Concurrent goals are to strengthen the Alaskan technological infrastructure, assist in advancing science and engineering research and aerospace in polar disciplines at the University of Alaska, attract space-related businesses from outside the state to locate in Alaska, support tourism activities at Poker Flat Research Range, and stimulate public advocacy for the enterprise.



## executive summary

The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, a public corporation of the State of Alaska, was established in 1991 to develop Alaska based economic and technical opportunities in the aerospace industry. In pursuit of this goal, AADC's primary objective is to develop a commercial spaceport in Alaska. The Kodiak Launch Complex (KLC) is currently under construction on 3,100 acres of state-owned land at Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island. Narrow Cape is an ideal location for launching small satellites into polar, high inclination and Molniya orbits. The development of the KLC has been supported and encouraged by the State of Alaska, NASA, the Air Force, the communities of Kodiak Island and private aerospace companies.

With approximately 40% of the construction effort complete, the Complex has already made a significant impact on the economy. Utilizing temporary infrastructure, the KLC celebrated its first mission on November 5, 1998 with Orbital Sciences Corporation's launch of a sub-orbital vehicle called Atmospheric Inceptor Technology (ait-1) for the U.S. Air Force. The launch of the modified intercontinental ballistic missile was designed to test the Air Force's ability to detect incom-

ing missiles. Sixteen minutes after lift off, the rocket landed in the Pacific Ocean 300 miles west of Seattle. The inaugural launch generated significant in-state revenues from launch operations and supporting activities. According to the University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), the AADC's inaugural launch injected \$1.3 million dollars into the state's economy. Kodiak benefited directly as the launch provided a \$700,000 gain to its economy. Anchorage fared nearly as well with a \$600,000 gain.

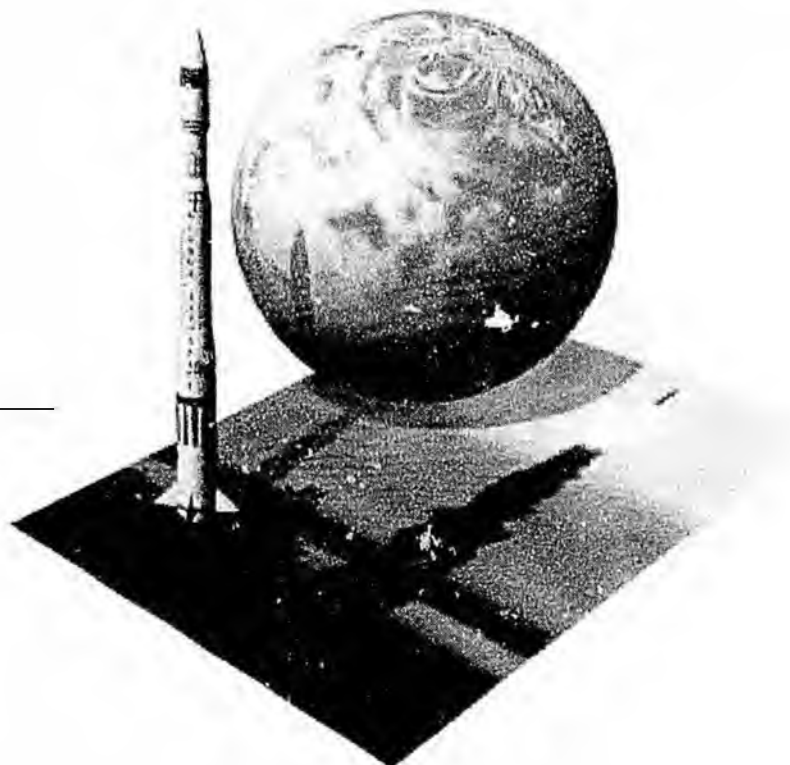
The development of the KLC represents a positive contribution to the launch infrastructure needs of the United States and the ability of U.S. space launch and satellite industries to meet the challenges of growing international competition. The need for additional launch facilities is evident by the finite capacity available at federal launch ranges currently supporting DoD, NASA and commercial requirements. An increase in national security requirements could place demands on the DoD ranges that would severely restrict the use of those ranges by the commercial sector. Thus, the KLC will contribute to "assured access" to space for

high inclination, low earth orbit and polar missions. The KLC will also provide a platform for commercial launch services creativity without sacrificing safety. Operating procedures will be innovative and target commercial users.

As of January 1999, AADC has received nearly \$28 million from state and federal sources for construction of the KLC. At present, AADC is awaiting legislative approval to receive and expend \$7,000,000 in federal funding and is seeking an additional \$5,000,000 funding component to complete the construction of the KLC on schedule.

In addition to developing the KLC, AADC has also targeted the satellite ground station segment of the aerospace market. AADC's facilitation of ground station development in Fairbanks has been key to the Corporation's success and to the state's overall efforts to date. Since the ground station effort at Fairbanks has been privately funded outside of the AADC organization, it is appropriate that the bulk of this plan addresses the KLC in order to facilitate budgetary approval and complete the construction effort.

As AADC moves into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the Corporation plans to maximize launch opportunities which are essential to the success of the Kodiak Launch Complex. Additionally, AADC hopes to capitalize on Alaska's strategic location and explore all potential aerospace development opportunities throughout the state.



## overview

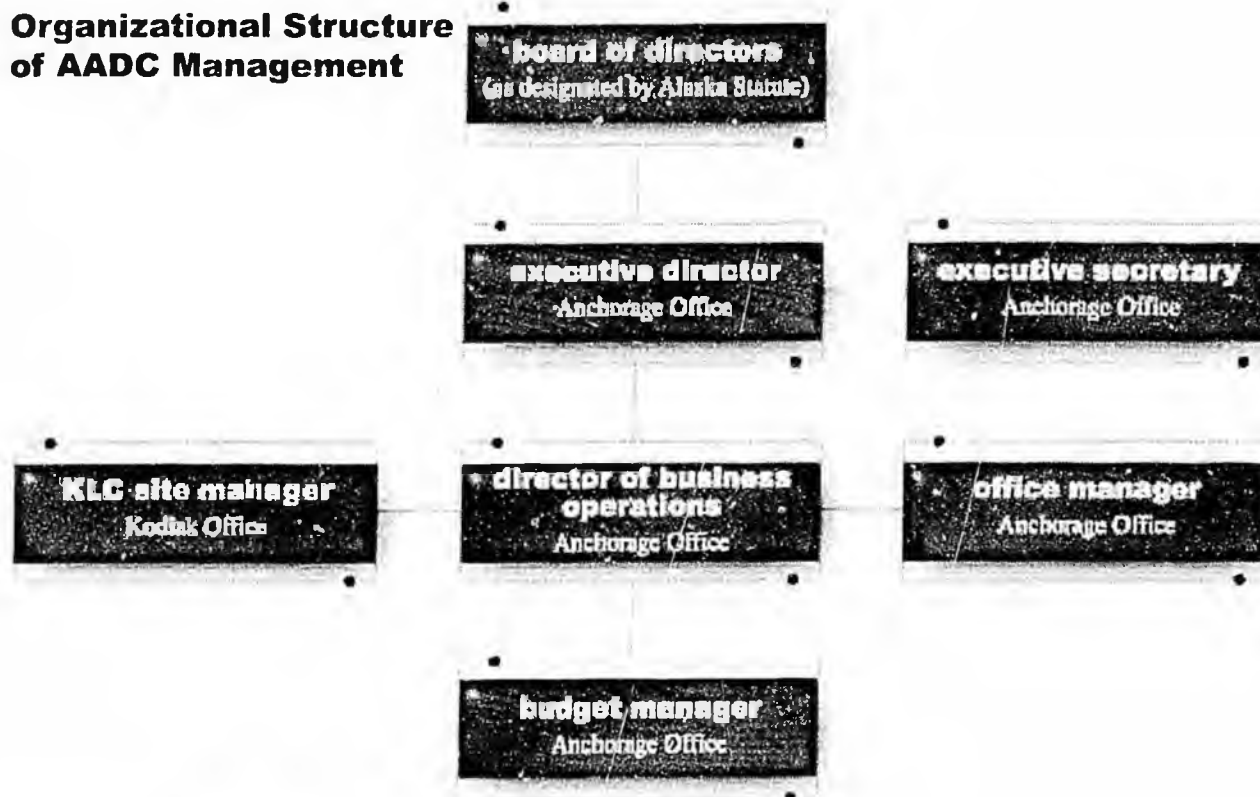
### History

The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation is an agency of the State of Alaska, established in 1991 by Alaska Statute 14.40.821 to promote development of the aerospace industry in Alaska. AADC is a public corporation located for administrative purposes within the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED) and is affiliated with the University of Alaska (UA). AADC's budget is subject to legislative appropriation and has been funded from interest earned by the Alaska Science & Technology Foundation (ASTF) on its endowment as well as corporate receipts.

The legislative history and language of AADC's enabling statute underscores the primary mission of AADC: to establish a commercial spaceport in Alaska. Additionally, AADC recognized the potential significance of developing a satellite ground station industry in Fairbanks and has pursued simultaneous development of that effort. These two primary activities have the potential to generate significant economic benefits and contributions to the State of Alaska. As commercial space launch and ground station activities have

expanded, AADC has identified other opportunities for the state. The opportunities are discussed in the Strategic Planning Section and offer a platform from which AADC can further develop Alaska's participation in the aerospace industry.

## Organizational Structure of AADC Management



### Board of Directors

AADC's Board of Directors consists of nine regular members appointed by the governor or designated by statute as follows: three state residents who have a significant high level of experience in the private business sector, specializing in financing or economic development or marketing; the President or the designee of the President of the University of Alaska; the Director or designee of the Director of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska; the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development or the Commissioner's designee; two members who have held or currently hold positions in the aerospace or commercial space industry or special experience regarding federal regulatory procedures and policies involving space or operational experience; and a public school educator or a public member. The Board of Directors selects a chair and vice-chair from among the members who are state residents. Additionally, three ex-officio nonvoting members of the Alaska legislature currently serve on the Board.

Michael Machulsky, Chair  
*President, Buskin River Inn*

Deborah Sedwick, Vice-chair  
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Rep. Alan Austerman  
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Dave Woodruff  
*Vice President, Alaska Fresh Seafoods*

Connie Yoshimura  
*President, Fortune Properties*

AADC is managed by an Executive Director selected by the Board of Directors. Pat Ladner was hired as AADC's first executive director in 1992 and continues to lead AADC. Mr. Ladner has an extensive background in managing military launch services. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force, where during his 23 year career he served as the Director of Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO), Test Operations, Missions Director for SDIO's LOSAT mission, Deputy Mission Director for the Delta Star Launch, and the first program director of the Single Stage to Orbit program.

### **Contractors and Consultants**

AADC has worked with the following key contractors and consultants to provide the appropriate industry expertise to ensure the successful development and completion of the KLC.

**Project Management Consultant,** RISE Alaska, LLC

**Construction Administration,** BRPII Architects - Engineers, Inc.

**Design Consultant,** BRPII Architects - Engineers, Inc. and Tryck, Nyman Hayes, Inc.

**Safety Consultant,** Research Triangle Institute (RTI)

**Environmental Consultants,** Tetrattech (*formerly Brown & Root Environmental*) and The University of Alaska - Anchorage, Environment and Natural Resources Institute (ENRI)

**Aerospace Market and Cost Consultants,** KPMC /Pcat Marwick Space Consulting Group; Teal Group Corporation; Lockheed Martin; HIMS Inc.; FAA, Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST); and the Commercial Space Transportation Study

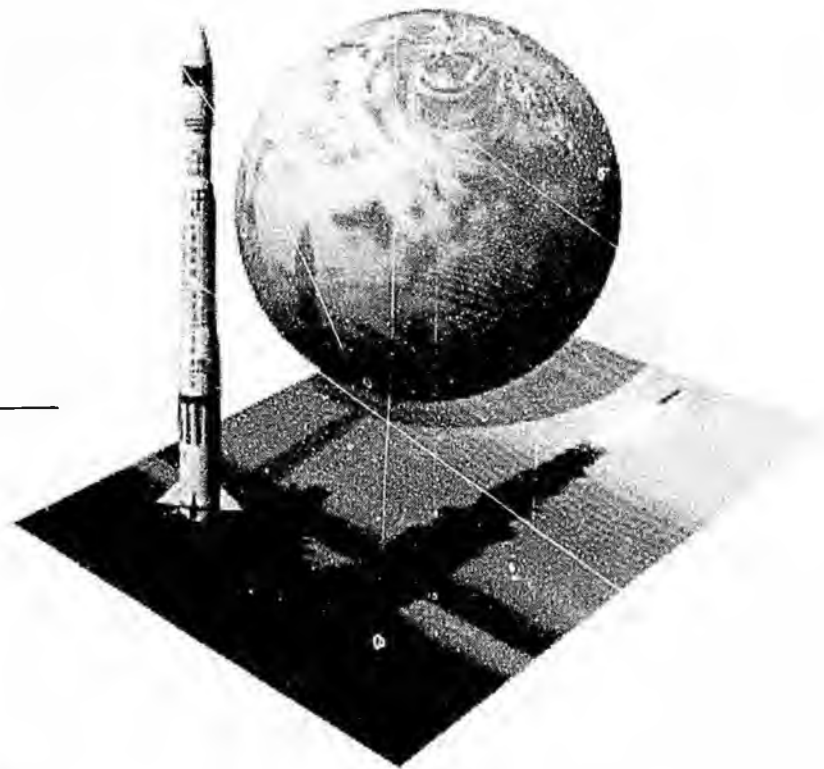
**Legal General Counsel,** Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot

**Feasibility Consultants,** Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)

### **Summary of AADC Development 1992 to 1998**

A 1992 analysis prepared for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) found that an orbital launch facility in Alaska was feasible and could make significant contributions to the state. In the fall of that year, the offices of AADC were established in Anchorage with the hiring of the Executive Director. AADC's first efforts were focused on development of an orbital launch capability for the State of Alaska and identification of other potential aerospace related development efforts. By 1993, AADC also began marketing Fairbanks as the ideal location for satellite ground stations and initiated outreach programs to that effect. In early 1994, the AADC Board of Directors selected Kodiak as its site for the orbital launch complex and the Corporation began focussing the majority of its efforts on developing the Kodiak Launch Complex. Through 1995 and 1996, AADC continued garnering industry, financial and government support for the KLC, while simultaneously managing the development of the satellite ground station development in Fairbanks. By 1997, AADC had achieved success in both of its target areas by obtaining significant sources of funding for the KLC and facilitating commencement of ground station operations throughout Fairbanks. With the advent of 1998, AADC began construction at the KLC. By November of that year, AADC successfully launched its inaugural launch mission utilizing temporary infrastructure at the KLC.





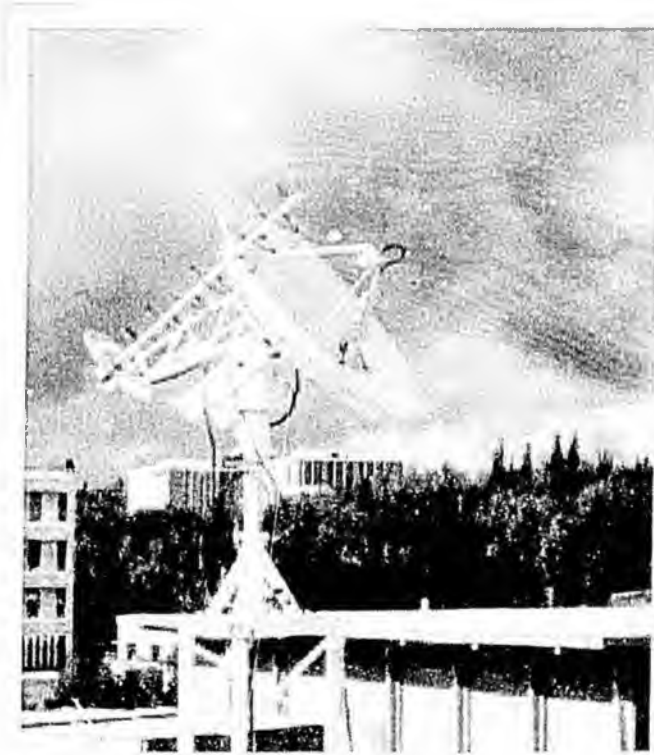
## fairbanks satellite ground stations

In 1993 AADC began marketing Fairbanks as the ideal location for satellite ground stations and initiated outreach programs. The initial concept envisioned one facility, the Fairbanks Satellite Ground Station Spacepark, managed by AADC and leased to one or more clients. The operator would be able to design and use the facility to meet individualized requirements. The promotion of Fairbanks as the best location for polar satellite ground station operations in the United States resulted in an overwhelming response from the industry. Numerous companies, however, expressed interest in developing their own facilities rather than leasing facility space from AADC. Because of the growing industry inquiries, AADC contracted with a Fairbanks engineering company for the preparation of a site analysis. This study presented and introduced possible sites in the Fairbanks area for the development of satellite ground stations. AADC has provided this analysis to potential ground station developers to facilitate their site selection process.

The high North latitude, worldwide access through modern telecommunications, transportation infrastructure, Arctic Region Supercomputing Center and existing

technical expertise make Fairbanks an ideal location for polar orbiting satellite ground station operations. Because of Fairbanks' proximity to the North Pole the location is very advantageous to ground station and remote sensing companies. Ground stations in Fairbanks have the potential for receiving an additional 10-12 passes a day as compared to 2 passes per day in the Lower 48. These additional passes provide more opportunities for ground station facilities to collect critical information while tracking orbiting satellites.

Development of ground stations also provides a significant opportunity to establish spin-off ventures in the Fairbanks area for the processing and marketing of satellite-generated data. AADC expects the Cray T3D supercomputer at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Arctic Region Supercomputing Center to serve as an added attraction for the local processing and packaging of satellite and remote sensing data. The expanding Fairbanks satellite ground station activity already has brought added credibility to Alaska as a location for aerospace business, and Alaska is taken seriously as a competitor for other aerospace related projects.



Fairbanks Ground Station

### Successful Initiatives

Numerous companies have expressed interest in implementing ground station operations in Fairbanks primarily due to the increased opportunity provided to track satellites, collect data and maintain overall satellite operations. Presently there are five operating ground stations in Fairbanks.

*Space Imaging - EOSAT (formerly two separate companies: Space Imaging, Inc. 'SII' and Earth Observation Satellite Company):* AADC initially began working with SII, a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation, in late 1993 when SII named Fairbanks as the site for its land remote sensing satellite system. Prior to its merger with SII, EOSAT worked with AADC to begin its Alaska initiative by locating an Expeditionary Ground Station in Fairbanks, which collected data imagery from the Landsat Satellite. After a successful development effort, Space Imaging - EOSAT, the world's largest provider of space imagery, began Fairbanks operations in May 1997.

*EarthWatch, Inc. (formerly WorldView Imaging Corporation):* AADC first hosted a WorldView visit to Fairbanks in 1993. EarthWatch acquired property to develop its ground station in Fairbanks to provide

weather tracking products and services. EarthWatch has completed construction of its earth station in Fairbanks.

*Universal SpaceNet, Inc.:* Fairbanks was selected as the site for their company's ground station operation in 1997. Universal SpaceNet is a subsidiary of Universal Space Lines, Inc. and successfully began operating their facility in 1998.

*Los Alamos National Laboratory:* Two satellite ground stations were established in 1997 and 1998 at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). The Lab also employs students from UAF to operate the ground station and encourages participation in program familiarization and ground station operator training.

*The SAR Corporation:* A joint American-Russian venture, the SAR Corporation worked with AADC in selecting Fairbanks as the ground station site for its remote sensing satellite, ALMAZ 1B.

*U.S. Air Force:* Fairbanks was selected as the site for the Air Force's Miniature Sensor Technology Integration (MSTI) remote sensing program. Development plans were finalized and the ground station operations were performed for satellite data recovery for the on-orbit life of the satellite. They ceased operations in 1996.

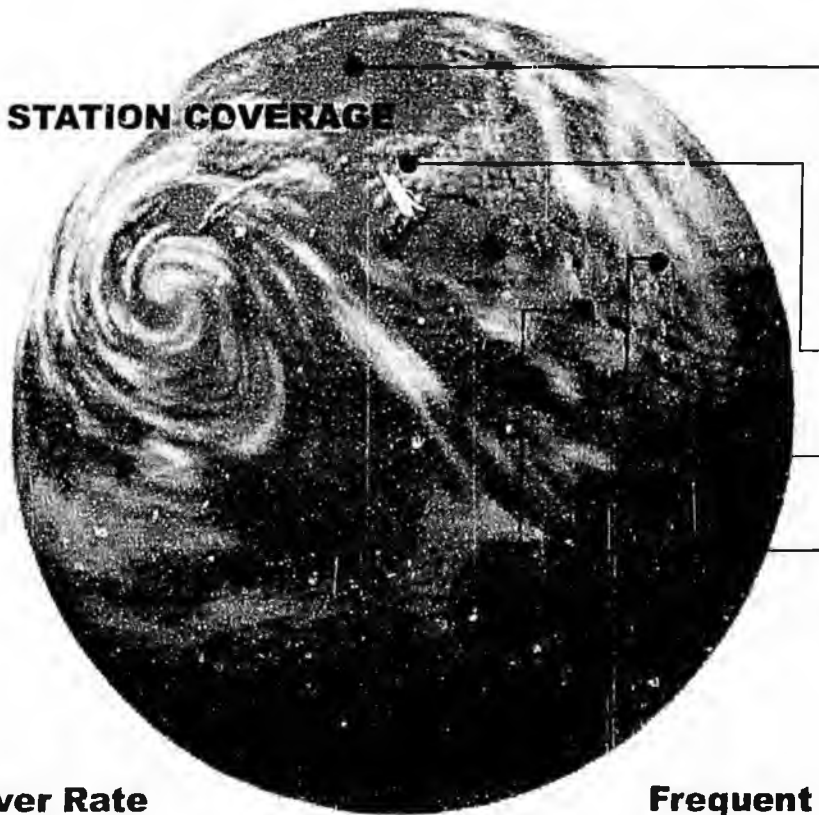
### Future Development Efforts

*Spectrum Astro* has indicated they are evaluating the potential for establishing ground station operations in Fairbanks. Spectrum Astro is one of the industry's leaders in developing space technologies for scientific, defense and commercial applications.

*AlliedSignal* has also reported they are making final decisions regarding a location for operations in Fairbanks. AlliedSignal is an advanced technology and manufacturing company serving customers worldwide with aerospace and automotive products, chemicals, fibers, plastics and advanced materials.

*OrbImage*, a subsidiary of Orbital Sciences Corporation, has contacted AADC and indicated strong interest in locating a ground station in Fairbanks for its OrbView remote sensing satellite. Prior to discussions with AADC, OrbImage had planned for development of two ground stations in the lower 48.

**GROUND STATION COVERAGE**



**NORTH POLE**

15 Passes per day

**FAIRBANKS, AK**

12 Passes per day +/-

**NORMAN, OK**

2 Passes per day +/-

**SUNNYVALE, CA**

2 Passes per day +/-

**High Flyover Rate**

**Maximum 360° Horizon**

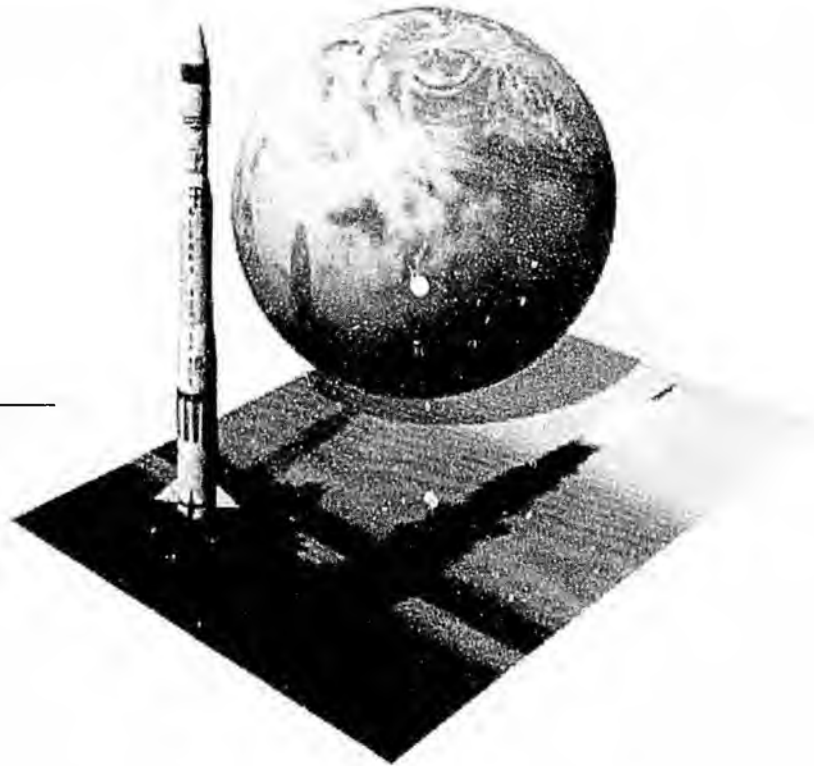
**Frequent Data Download**

**Frequent Satellite Command**

**Challenges Ahead**

AADC's challenge is to build a strategy that will encourage development of commercial ground stations which perform data processing, manipulation, archiving and distribution locally – rather than sending the raw data outside Alaska for development. These types of operations have the potential to provide additional jobs for each ground station facility, including entrepreneurial spin-offs. Even more importantly, because the data is archived in Fairbanks, there is substantial opportunity for local value-added processing required for a finished market product. The Fairbanks community will have first access to the data, providing any entrepreneurial efforts with a competitive edge in a rapidly expanding global market – one that retains a high return on investment, has low operating costs, and provides high-income employment opportunities.





## the kodiak launch complex project

### Kodiak Island Location

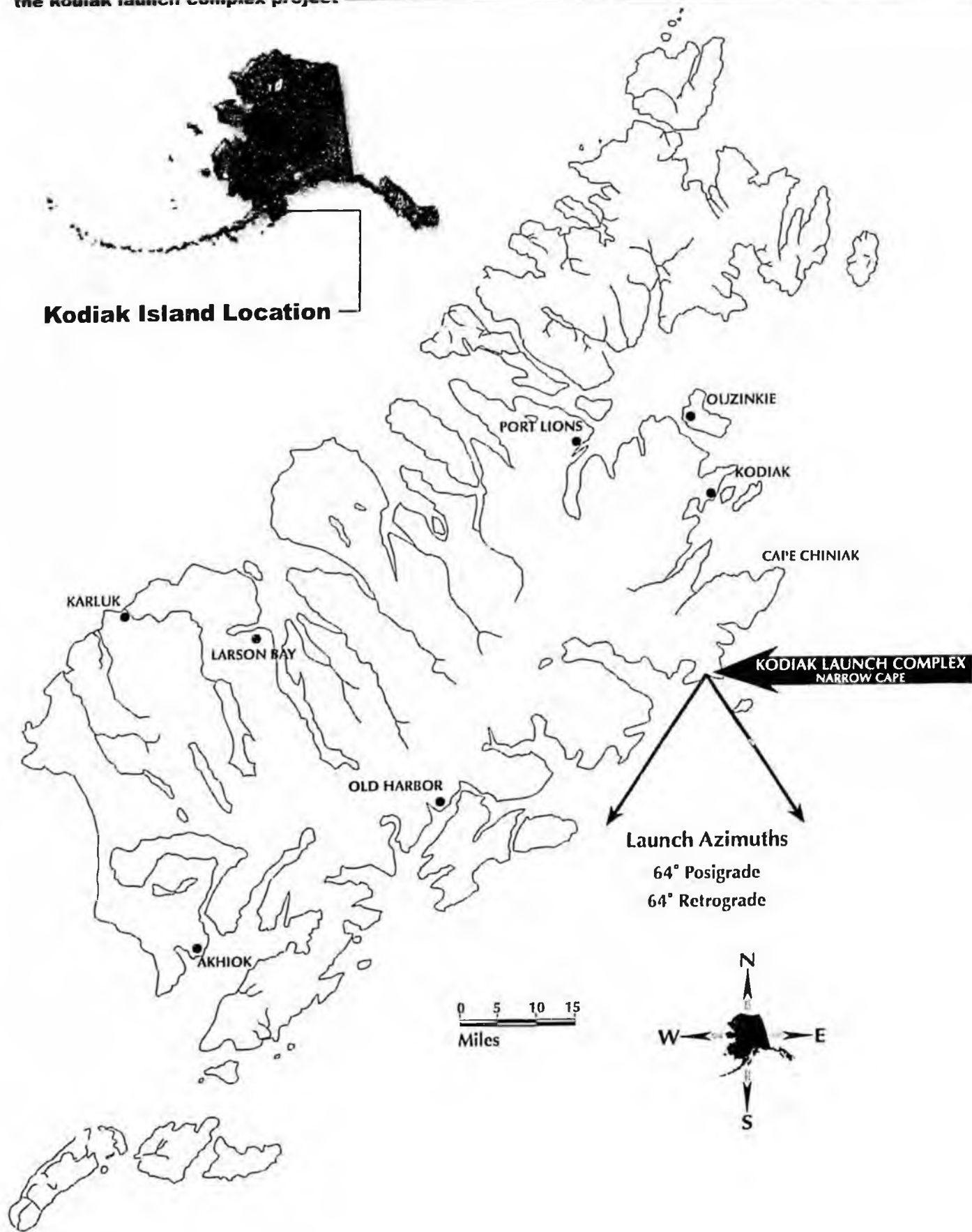


AADC examined 27 possible launch sites in Alaska. After narrowing the possible launch sites to Fairbanks, Kodiak and Seward, AADC's Board considered advice from its team of safety, environmental and legal consultants. Fairbanks was eliminated based upon safety concerns that it could not have met federal safety criteria for commercially viable launch vehicles. Of two possible sites in Seward, one posed significant safety problems and the other posed significant environmental problems. The Board concluded that Kodiak Island presented the best location for the launch site. Besides having existing technical support infrastructure and

logistical support, Kodiak's greatest advantage is its wide open launch corridor and unobstructed down-range flight path. As depicted on the following page, Kodiak offers a launch azimuth from 64° posigrade to 64° retrograde. Based upon road access, safety issues and current land use and availability, the Board of Directors of AADC unanimously selected Narrow Cape as the optimal site for the KLC at its March 1994 meeting. Through an agreement with the State Division of Land, AADC was granted a thirty year lease of approximately 3,100 acres at Narrow Cape with an option for a second thirty year term.

Kodiak Island has approximately 15,000 residents, with roughly half living within the City of Kodiak. A broad range of skilled services is available on the island. Resident companies include a sophisticated local telephone exchange, an island-wide electrical utility, a cable television company, several grocery store chains, a highly skilled construction workforce and other skilled technicians. Medical, safety and firefighting personnel are also available to provide assistance to launch personnel.

The weather on Kodiak Island is similar to that of the



northwest region of the U.S. with an average rainfall comparable to Cape Canaveral in Florida. Because of warm Japanese currents, the climate of Kodiak Island is more moderate than its northern latitude would otherwise dictate. Kodiak has a yearly mean temperature of 40°F, and in only three months of the year do the normal temperatures fall below 32°F. Visibility and prevailing winds compare favorably with those at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) in California.

Kodiak Island has a wealth of transportation facilities to benefit launch activities at the KLC. Kodiak is one of the busiest fishing ports in the U.S., and has developed sophisticated infrastructure to support that industry. The island boasts three commercial dock facilities and is regularly serviced by ocean shippers. In addition to barge service, the dock facilities can safely handle 35 ton containers, lift off up to 75 tons and process roll-on/roll-off vehicles.

In addition to full service ocean port operations, Kodiak has a state-operated regional airport for handling incoming passenger and cargo traffic. The airport routinely handles daily passenger and cargo jet service and has accommodated C-141 and C-5 military transports. The on-island commercial transportation system includes light to heavy trucking, light aircraft, and medium weight helicopter lift capability. Major shipping and airport facilities exist in Anchorage, which is a hub for the shipment of goods between the lower 48 and the Far East. Commercial and Department of Defense (DoD) facilities in Anchorage can handle all commercial and military transport aircraft. Several options exist for the transportation of flight hardware, equipment and personnel from outside Alaska to the KLC site.

Kodiak Island is home to the largest Coast Guard support center in the U.S. and has a full complement of ocean patrol vessels. Additionally, the Coast Guard Air Station currently consists of several HC-130 aircraft and HH-60 and HH-65 helicopters. The base has skilled technicians providing aircraft maintenance, fabrication, welding, pneumatics, machining, sheet metal, electrical, avionics and marine electronics services. When suitable services are not available in the local community, its capabilities will be made available to KLC users pursuant to provisions of the Commercial Space Launch Act providing for federal assistance of launch activities. The Coast Guard services complement to those available commercially on Kodiak Island.

Kodiak offers comfortable accommodations for launch personnel, including hotels, motels and numerous bed and breakfast establishments. Restaurants are plentiful, and outdoor recreation opportunities are unmatched.

The logistical advantages of Alaska help to mitigate any cost to launch companies from Kodiak operations. Federal Express, UPS and DHL Worldwide operate major international transfer facilities at the Anchorage International Airport, providing rapid delivery service from major markets throughout the U.S. Alaska Airlines and Era Aviation offer package delivery to Kodiak on all of their flights to Kodiak. Moreover, AADC, in cooperation with the Kodiak Island Borough, was successful in receiving designation for the Kodiak Airport, Kodiak's dock facilities and the KLC site as a foreign trade zone. This will exempt foreign payloads and launch vehicles from customs duties otherwise imposed on those activities. A foreign trade zone also will benefit other Kodiak activities, reducing taxes and encouraging processing activities.

### Summary of KLC Development 1993 to 1998

In 1993, the development of the Kodiak Launch Complex began in earnest as AADC undertook the tasks of site selection, design and site safety analysis. With the Board decision in 1994 to proceed with a launch complex in Kodiak, AADC embarked upon an extensive environmental analysis. By 1995, AADC completed the first KLC business plan while continuing the environmental assessment and undertaking the state permitting process. Some milestones of note for 1995 included:

- Alaska House Bill authorizing state financing of the KLC passed
- Completion and distribution of Draft Environmental Assessment of the KLC
- Zoning approval from Kodiak Island Borough

The state permitting approval process was completed in 1996 and a "Finding Of No Significant Impact" for the Environmental Assessment of Narrow Cape was issued by FAA/AST. In addition, AADC received a \$6,000,000 Air Force Spaceport Launch Services Contract enabling AADC to compete for future Air Force launch missions.

By 1997, AADC established an AADC Liaison Office in

Kodiak and selected a local representative to interface directly with the Kodiak community. Throughout the year, KLC's viability continued to grow as additional funding was secured through:

- \$17.91 million federally funded capability investment
- \$5 million granted from the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation
- \$4.9 million grant from NASA for construction of the payload processing facility

In 1998, AADC commenced the KLC construction, completing site preparation and achieving 40% of overall construction effort. In September, AADC was issued a site operator's license for the KLC by the FAA's Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST). This was a critical milestone for AADC, bringing to fruition a four year environmental and permitting process. Receipt of the license also allowed AADC to officially activate service for government and commercial customers. Soon after the approval of its license, AADC achieved one of its most significant accomplishments to date - the KLC's successful inaugural launch of the Atmospheric Interceptor Technology "ait" mission on November 5, 1998.

## Benefits of the Kodiak Launch Complex

### Economic Impact

While the construction of the KLC is continuing, the Complex has already made a significant impact on the economy. The inaugural launch generated in-state revenues from launch operations and supporting activities. According to the University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), AADC's inaugural launch injected \$1.3 million dollars into the state's economy. Kodiak Island benefited directly as the launch provided a \$700,000 gain to its economy. Anchorage fared nearly as well with a \$600,000 gain.

### Construction Impact

In 1996, ISER produced a study which estimated overall economic impact of construction and operation of the KLC. The study estimated the economic impact of the construction phase to be a total of \$10.8 million for the

state. An update of that study is currently underway, and the economic impact is anticipated to be greater than was originally projected in 1996.

In addition to local support services for facility operations, the KLC may also provide opportunities for training local Alaskans to directly support launch operations. Local expertise would provide a cost effective source of employment to the KLC as well as a means of establishing more community ownership of the KLC, effecting a re-circulation of dollars earned as a result of the facility within the local and state economies.

### Educational Benefits

The Challenger Learning Centers, part of the national Challenger organization founded by the families of the crew members of Challenger Flight 51L, were developed nationally to promote student interest in math, science and technology. Spearheaded by Executive Director Pat Ladner, AADC initiated the effort to bring a Challenger Learning Center to Alaska by promoting the program to communities through the State. AADC also contributed to a feasibility study that was instrumental in the City of Kenai's winning approval in 1996 from the national Challenger board to be the home of the Challenger Learning Center of Alaska. Today, Kenai's feasibility study is showcased as the "model feasibility study" for other applicants around the country. Because many Alaskan schools are situated in remote locations, the Challenger Learning Center of Alaska has become involved with the national Challenger organization's "Roadless Education" program to explore distance learning opportunities.

The presence of the KLC will also inspire other educational opportunity for Alaska's students. "Project Lift Off," a Kodiak space camp allowed younger students to study math, science and space related activities, complete with actual model rocket launches from the KLC. At the university level, AADC is pursuing opportunities to become involved with aerospace technology degree and training programs at Kodiak College. AADC will continue to promote educational opportunities at all levels throughout the State, encouraging activities and programs involving launch activities, aerospace scientists and engineers, and representatives of aerospace companies.

### Infrastructure Improvements

AADC, in cooperation with the State of Alaska Depart-

ment of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), has commenced with improvements of the road to Narrow Cape. Additionally, AK DOT&PF has committed to increase maintenance of the road to support launch operations. Through ongoing coordination and teamwork with AK DOT&PF and Kodiak Island Borough, AADC plans to identify and work towards long-term road improvements that will not only benefit the operations of the KLC but also the Kodiak Island Borough as a whole.

In support of the KLC operations, AADC plans to install a permanent microwave communications system. Discussions are underway with Kodiak's local service provider and representatives of the Borough to include expansion of phone service to Pasaghak in conjunction with the KLC permanent communications installation. Other communication, transportation and logistical services to Kodiak may also be improved as KLC activities increase.

#### **Other Aerospace Developments**

As the foundation of AADC's aerospace development effort, the KLC has been instrumental in bringing the attention of the aerospace industry to Alaska. Development of the Fairbanks ground stations, for example, was aided by the visibility of the KLC development. Launch activity at the KLC will continue to increase consideration of other parts of Alaska, including Anchorage and Fairbanks, for aerospace ventures by launch providers, payload and other aerospace companies. AADC expects spin-off opportunities will include additional ground station operations in Fairbanks, projects utilizing UA's supercomputer, final test and assembly of payloads, warehousing of components and products, establishment of support companies, research and development opportunities, data processing and analysis, and the location of launch and launch service companies in Alaska to be closer to the activities at the KLC.

#### **KLC Capital Contributions**

Since the project's inception, AADC has explored all possible funding and financing mechanisms. The following provides a summary of the various sources of funding secured for development and construction of the KLC:

##### **Federal Government**

Since 1993, the Federal Government has supported the

KLC for many reasons, most notably for the KLC's ability to help develop the necessary assets and infrastructure crucial to increasing the United State's commercial aerospace industry. In support of AADC's efforts, the Federal Government has made investments in the KLC through three sources: The National Guard, NASA and United States Air Force.

##### *The National Guard*

AADC received federal funding with a \$17.91 million capability investment to support missile defense development testing. This investment provided the majority of funding necessary to complete construction of the KLC facilities.

##### *NASA*

NASA has committed to working with the KLC to explore ways that it may provide instrumentation and technical support at its direct cost to AADC pursuant to the terms of the Commercial Space Launch Act. Further support by NASA is evidenced by two separate grant awards for development and construction of the KLC totaling over \$5.7 million.

##### *United States Air Force*

In 1993 and 1994, the United States Air Force granted AADC \$1,850,000 to assist in the early design and environmental analysis of KLC. These awards were based on the Air Force's assessment of the viability and usefulness of the KLC to both government and commercial launch providers.

##### **State of Alaska**

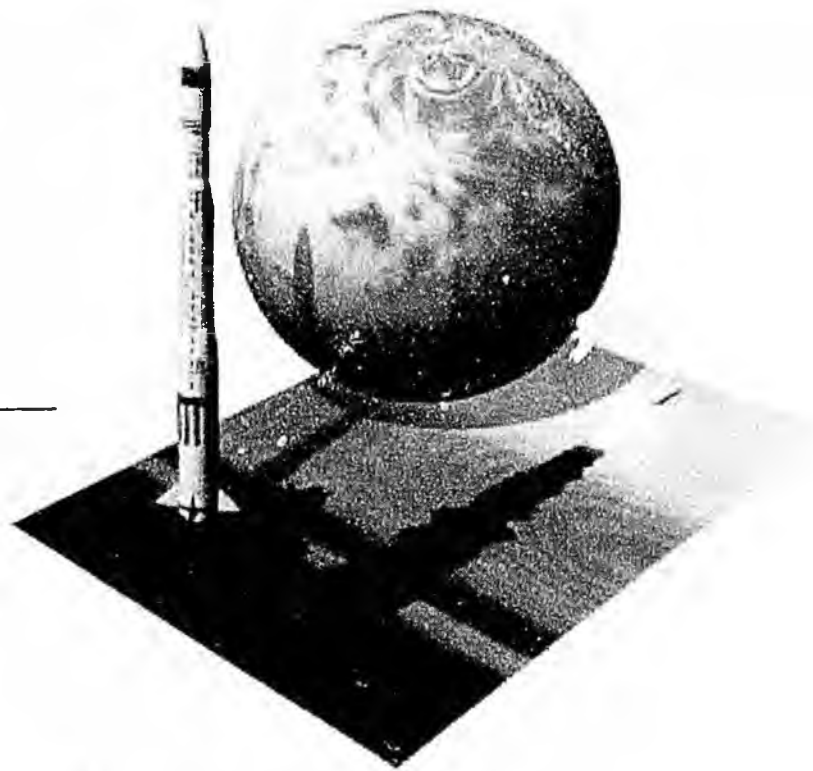
###### *Alaska Science and Technology Foundation*

AADC has received ongoing support for its annual operating budget from the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. In addition, AADC received a \$5 million grant from ASTF for construction of the Kodiak Launch Complex resulting in funding for project and contract management and site work.

##### **Industry**

Recognizing the strategic value of the KLC, nearly every major aerospace company in the U.S. has assisted AADC in developing the KLC. Throughout every stage of the project, from design of the facility to development of the operations concept, AADC has sought advice and input from the international aerospace industry. The KLC will represent a truly collaborative effort and an ideal choice for launch services for both foreign and domestic customers.





## KLC facilities and operations

### Kodiak Launch Complex Structure

The KLC will be an all-weather, in-door processing and launch facility for Athena and Taurus class vehicles and certain suborbital launches. The launch complex will have all the necessary facilities for full operational capability. The KLC complex will consist of the following facilities:

- Launch Control and Management Center
- Payload Processing Facility
- Integration and Processing Facility
- Spacecraft and Assemblies Transfer Facility
- Launch Pad and Service Structure

These facilities will provide all of the necessary functions for full year-round operational capacity. The facilities have been designed to be prefabricated off-site, with only modular installation on concrete pads on-site. These facilities will be compatible with all available small launch vehicles and have been designed to incorporate additional facilities to support future increased demands.

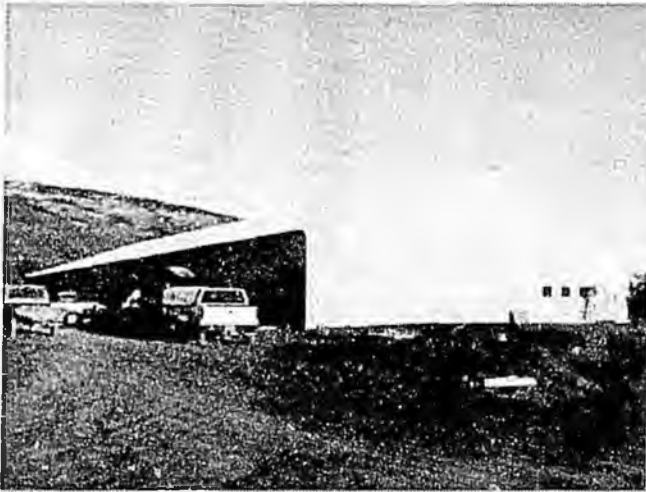
### Launch Control and Management Center

The Launch Control and Management Center (LCC) is the operational and management hub of the KLC. The LCC will provide space for administrative services, dispensary services, work areas for launch and payload personnel, VIP viewing areas, conference rooms and missions/launch control. The facility is planned as pre-engineered metal building construction, designed for climate and geographical conditions. It will be approximately 80 feet wide by 175 feet long, comprising 14,000 square feet overall.

### Payload Processing Facility

The Payload Processing Facility (PPF) will serve the direct needs of the payload customer community. Spacecraft will be received, stored, processed and checked out in the PPF before being moved to the launch pad. Space also will be provided to receive, inspect, clean and stage the payload fairing. Spacecraft encapsulation within the fairing can be accomplished in the highbay prior to moving to the launch pad.

Open architecture design is emphasized to allow ease of expansion. This includes provision for additional future



Launch Control and Management Center (LCC)

high bays for spin stabilization and processing.

The PPF high bay will include a 40 foot by 60 foot airlock and a 40 foot by 60 foot processing bay, each with 2,400 square feet of floor space. A 15 ton bridge crane offering 50 feet of hook height will serve both the airlock and the processing bay. A single interior 20 foot by 58 foot clear height roll-up door separates the airlock and the processing bay.

#### Integration and Processing Facility

The Integration Processing Facility (IPF) is a multi-function building providing for receiving and staging of equipment, components and flight hardware; receiving, checkout and integration of launch vehicle stages; processing and testing activities; and equipment storage. The IPF will be an insulated, pre-fabricated building 50 feet by 100 feet, with a 40 foot roll-up door at each end. It will contain at least one 25 ton bridge crane with 40 feet of hook height.



Payload Processing Facility (PPF)

#### Spacecraft Assemblies Transfer Facility

The Spacecraft Assemblies Transfer Facility (SCAT) is a self-contained, environmentally controlled structure for transporting launch vehicle and payload assemblies from the IPF and PPF to the launch pad. The SCAT will provide all propulsion system stages and flight hardware processed in the IPF to remain in a conditioned and controlled environment during transport to the launch pad by minimizing temperature fluctuations and protecting flight hardware from exposure to the weather.

To allow for movement of flight hardware and ground support equipment into the SCAT without exposure to the outdoor environment, a 20 foot wide by 40 foot clear height roll-up door at one end of the SCAT will interface with an identically matched door on the IPF. The SCAT structure will have an articulated wheel system permitting controlled movement between the IPF and the launch pad. All items transferred in the SCAT will be positioned in their normal transporting and assembly carts. At the launch pad the SCAT will interface with a matched door in the Rotating Service Structure, permitting breakover of the launch vehicles from horizontal to vertical with the launch pad crane.

When the payload is ready for stacking, the SCAT will be positioned adjacent to the rotating service door to allow the payload to remain within a controlled environment.

#### Launch Pad and Service Structure

The launch pad consists of the pad apron and flame duct and three main sub-structures: the Fixed Service Structure (FSS), the Rotating Service Structure (RSS), and the Rotating Service Door (RSD). The allsteel structure is designed to be operable in a maximum 30 mph wind event, and is designed to withstand a 110 mph wind in the closed configuration.

The service structure is planned as being 170 ± feet in height with the adjustable platforms providing 360 ° of access over the full height of the vehicle. The RSS with the RSD closed will be environmentally conditioned for worker comfort and to meet solid motor thermal conditioning specifications. Removable lower deck inserts will be provided to accommodate growth version launch vehicles that may utilize strap-on motors for enhanced performance.

The service structure will include the FSS with electri-

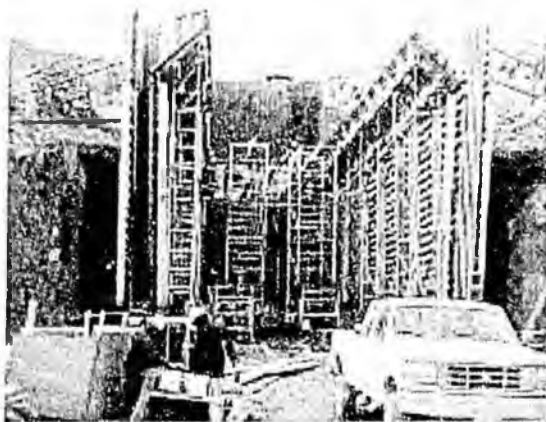
cal/communications equipment room, payload environment control system equipment room, air compressor, and utility risers; RSS providing several clean work areas; and operational systems including operational intercom system, paging and area warning and remote fire reporting. The launch control system will interface the launch vehicle to the LCC. The RSS and RSD will be rotated behind the FSS for some measure of protection from flame and blast during launch. The FSS will have a square cross section with one corner pointing toward the centerline of the launch vehicle. This orientation has been selected to minimize acoustic energy reflection to the launch vehicle during launch.

The RSS will support a 75 ton bridge crane that will be used to breakover, erect, and place stages, service modules, the payload and/or the payload fairing as required to assemble the vehicle stack on the pad. The door-to-door interface with the SCAT will assure a controlled environment without exposure to the elements during transfer from the IPF to the service structure and the payload from the PPF.

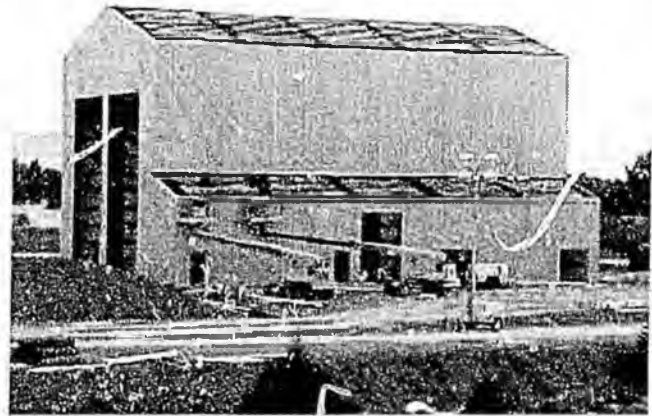
Access to the KLC will be controlled by security personnel during launches. Each facility will be protected by security fencing and have controlled access during hazardous operations. Appropriate safety measures will be taken regarding the transportation, storage and use of hazardous and explosive materials.

### Maintenance and Operation of the Kodiak Launch Complex

By Alaska statute and pursuant to the terms of its spaceport site operator's license, AADC is responsible



*Flame Trench for the Launch Pad*



*Integration Processing Facility (IPF)*

for the operation and safety of the KLC. All KLC customers are required to comply with the terms and conditions of the site license as well as any plans, policies, procedures, permits, memorandums of agreement or other documentation developed as part of the licensing process. Appendix A provides a listing of current documentation.

Under Alaska and federal law, AADC is required to secure insurance for liability that may arise from management, operations and maintenance of the KLC grounds, property and equipment. AADC's current insurance coverage for its administrative operations is provided by the State of Alaska's Division of Risk Management. Extended coverage for the site will be provided by Risk Management upon commencement of KLC operations. Business interruption coverage is also available if deemed necessary by the AADC Board.

AST, as the licensing authority for all commercial space activities, will also require KLC launch customers to provide separate insurance coverage for each commercial launch mission. As a condition of the launch license process, customers must demonstrate adequate coverage and financial responsibility for the maximum probable loss associated with any third party claims arising from launch operations.

AADC has approached the operation of the KLC as a commercial enterprise. Rather than dictating one set of services for all customers, AADC intends to provide a basic package of services for the negotiated launch fee as well as a series of optional services dependant upon vehicle and mission requirements. This approach offers customers the flexibility to determine the appropriate