



**STAFF REPORT
DECEMBER 2013**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE:

Staff moved financial assets in-line with guidance from Finance Committee and Board's direction on what to do with our large cash accounts.

- \$100,000, 12 month CD through EverBank
 - Not Finalized
- \$100,000, 12 month CD through Alaska USA
 - Finalized, Obrien & Lockett Signers, Online access active
- \$100,000 25 CD through State Farm Bank
 - Active, Need to follow up for online access
- \$150,000 transfer from WF to AMLIP accounts
 - Finalized, Online access active

EDA funds for third quart not processing. Reviewing problem with Seattle Office.

ARDOR funding is not in place, but SWAMC and partners are working with Legislature to reinstate program.

PROJECTS/OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Energy Planning

- *Aleutian/Pribilofs*: A contract has been signed with AEA to complete Phase II – Regional Feedback. These efforts will largely be completed in-house with assistance from Information Insights. Staff will make one-on-one contact with targeted stakeholders from each community to ensure they see the report and provide feedback, to include identifying regional/community priorities.
- *Bristol Bay*: We are continuing efforts on Phase II – Regional Feedback.
- *Kodiak*: We have signed the initial contract for the Phase I – Resource Identification and Assessment. We signed a subcontract with Information Insights to complete the Phase I report.

Information Insights will host an Energy Workshop at our Annual Conference, to provide project updates and collect quantitative crowd feedback. The quantitative feedback is an AEA mandated objective of our Energy Planning process.

Southwest Alaska Business Council

We are collecting responses to follow up survey questions, which we need for clarity on next steps.

AmeriCorps VISTA- STEM Coordinator

Our new VISTA Paul Oliva will start on February 5th.

False Pass Tidal

This work will present the most appropriate location for a sea-floor tidal generator. Staff connected with contractor last week and he expects to have invoice ready for us by the end of the year.

2014 Annual Economic Summit & Membership Meeting

Planning is proceeding with the conference. Agenda is 90% confirmed. We have signed a contract with Institute of the North to facilitate conference planning. Conference web registration is live at <https://www.swamcsummit.org/> and associated links are established to our SWAMC Homepage.

Intern

Staff has reached out to UA-CED to help identify an student intern that will be assisting on Energy and CEDS data collection and Conference Planning.

NETWORKING/MEETINGS:

January 6th, Obrien participated in the Statewide Broadband Taskforce, via teleconference.

NON-SWAMC TRIP

January 7th-9th, Obrien participated in the Board of Fish, Kodiak Finfish Meeting in Kodiak.

January 10th, Obrien discussed Annual Conference planning with subcontractors Nils Andreassen and Rachel Koons of Institute of the North via teleconference.