



May 30, 2008

Dr. Robert Lang, Dean
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Re: A proposal to establish a Strategic Center Of Project Management Excellence (SCOPE) and professional training within the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Engineering

Dear Dr. Lang,

The Strategic Center of Project Management Excellence, as outlined in the attached proposal, fills a significant void in the Alaskan community, where the demand for professional services and consulting, coupled with professionally trained specialists increases almost daily. Large capital projects currently proposed or already funded by both commercial and governmental organizations are straining our local resources, which this proposal aims to resolve.

The Industry Advisory Board to the ESPM program at UAA has been briefed on the contents of this proposal, and members of this Board actively participated in its preparation. We believe that it reflects our needs and expectations, and will significantly contribute to the continued growth of a professional workforce in the state of Alaska.

We fully endorse this document and support what it aims to achieve. Efforts of this nature increase Alaska's profile in the industry and community as a whole.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement with the ESPM program for the last number of years.

Respectfully,

Wilson Duffles, PMP
ESPM Advisory Board President