



**Bristol Bay Native Association
Economic Development Program
EDA Partnership Planning Program
Mid – Pt. Performance Report
EDA Award Number ED17SEA3020080
2017 Fiscal Year**

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The Performance Report should be concise and easily accessible to both the public and decision-makers of the organization.

Part I - Scope of Work:

In October 2017, there was a transition in staff and Annie Fritze moved into another department of the Bristol Bay Native Association part time. The Economic Development position that assists the Bristol Bay Native Association with implementation of the CEDS was vacant from mid-November until January 4, 2018. Currently the position is held by Kristina Andrew.

1. Coordinate planning efforts within BBNA programs to address economic resiliency.

a. Collaborate with BBNA Transportation Program team.

- **Coordinate travel plans within the region to conduct critical infrastructure and energy benchmarking.**

The travel budget for conducting energy benchmarking was reduced between the time this scope of work was written and the time of this report. The project now also helps communities apply for grants like the Kickstarter Energy Audit and Retrofits Grant through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). BBNA made plans with SWAMC to conduct energy benchmarking audits in the Bristol Bay Borough in June. The city and tribe of Aleknagik received an AHFC Kickstarter grant and has scheduled energy benchmarking audits in May.

- **Assist 10 regional communities with the preparation of their hazard mitigation planning documents.**

Please provide an electronic copy of the reports to Shirley Kelly, Alaska EDR at skelly2@eda.gov, she can also be reached at telephone number (907) 271-2272 for assistance on Planning Applications, CEDS development and Performance Reporting.

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- **Assist five villages that request assistance with the development and improvement of critical and essential infrastructure.**

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b. Collaborate with BBNA Natural Resources program.

Kristina worked with the Natural Resource program staff to include their efforts in the CEDS and provided technical assistance to program staff, Cody Larsen and CaSandra Johnson. Setting a meeting has been difficult as the program director (Gayla Hoseth) travels frequently, Kristina has had a few conversation with Gayla via phone regarding resiliency.

- **Facilitate community resiliency and adaptation meetings with program staff.**
Kristina is working on creating a power point on resiliency to use when facilitating community outreach and planning.
- **Provide economic development technical assistance services to community members on grants applications as needed and as requested.**

Kristina assisted villages as they called regarding grant opportunities, so far she received calls from New Stuyahok, Manokotak, Pilot Point, Levelock, and the BBNA Natural Resources department. She also forwarded announcements to tribes, businesses, and municipalities as appropriate to projects.

2. Coordinate planning efforts to promote tourism in the region.

Kristina reviewed past tourism efforts in the region to gain insight and reduce redundancy efforts. BBNA hosted a Geo Tourism Workshop 3-4 years ago; she is reviewing this data and working on a plan to build on it.

Annie created brochures for Bristol Bay, which Kristina is working on distributing to various tourism sites in the state.

Kristina met with Visit Anchorage staff to establish a path to get Bristol Bay information into the hands of people visiting Anchorage -Alaska's main airport and hub to the region.

a. Identify likely partners to establish a tourism committee.

This was a ambitious goal set by Annie. Kristina has been working with Bristol Bay Alaska Tourism (BBAT) and has invited them to sit on the CEDS committee, which they accepted. BBAT is owned by the regional Native Corporation, which most Bristol Bay residents are shareholders of. John Kreilkamp of BBAT and Kristina had breakfast when she was in Anchorage for SWAMC and suggested that Kristina make and inventory of tourist attractions in the region and find one that is unique or niche to Bristol Bay before establishing a committee. After a review of Kreilkamp's suggestions Kristina finds it premature to establish a committee, she will focus her efforts on creating a consistent and complete data base of

tourism information for Bristol Bay and a way to effectively distribute the information. After a data base is established Kristina will work on pulling together major investors in the tourism industry. She will continue to work with BBAT for guidance and use them as a resource in the tourism industry.

3. Support professional and business development efforts that foster economic development.

Kristina worked on creating and fostering partnerships that increase her ability to support regional economic development efforts. She conducted outreach to the regions cities, tribes, businesses, Native Corporations, and education facilities. The outreach was to introduce herself, solicit participation in the CEDS, and to get a pulse on the region's efforts in economic development. Partnerships are the key to successful economics as each industry supports the other, in rural Alaska partnerships are even more critical to the successful implementation of services; Kristina is working with people from all sectors in the region to ensure partnerships are made, redundancies are reduced, the region is on the same page, and each sector has the tools it needs to move forward.

a. Attend local, regional, and national conferences as appropriate.

Kristina attended local meetings as appropriate for Economic Development: Ekuk Transportation planning meeting, Nushagak Coop. Annual meeting, BBNA Presidents and Administrators meeting. She traveled to attend regional conference South West Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) in Anchorage, AK.

b. Develop presentations on economic development in the region for BBNA staff, and regional partners to focus on planning and implementing economic development program activities.

Kristina is working on creating two power points to use when facilitating economic development presentations; 'What it means to be resilient.' and 'What is a CEDS?' These will help her when soliciting participation in the CEDS and when assisting communities with planning and development efforts.

4. Update and implement the CEDS for the Bristol Bay region.

Kristina Andrew began the Economic Development position January 4, 2018.

a. Work with the Alaska Economic Development Administration Representative.

As part of orientation for the program, Kristina met with Shirley Kelly on January 11, 2018, for an introduction and explanation of expectations for the EDA CEDS Planning Grant. Kristina and Shirley met in Anchorage when Kristina went in for SWAMC, to review program expectations. Kristina has been in email contact with both Shirley Kelly the Alaska Rep for EDA and Bill O'Neil, a Community Planner for the Economic Development Administration, as questions arise.

b. Organize two CEDS Steering Committee Meetings.

To help keep costs down for the Economic Development Program CEDS Steering Committee meetings are held in conjunction with the full BBNA Board meetings, which

happen twice a year. The first CEDS committee meeting was held on March 21, 2018 from 3-5pm. A second meeting will be held the second week of May by teleconference to review and approve the update of the CEDS.

Kristina is in discussion with CEDS committee members about creating sub-committees to handle the different subjects of the CEDS, which will be in addition to the two full committee meetings.

c. Submit EDA Mid-Point Report by January 30, 2018.

The timing of the Mid-Point Report is different from originally planned. This report is a mid-point report being prepared for an April 30, 2018 deadline. The first Mid-point report was submitted and completed in November 2017. Evidence of this can be found on Grants Online. The dates listed in this scope of work have changed since the approval of this document by the EDA, now we report by the end of October and April.

d. Submit Final Progress Report by July 30, 2018.

Not yet due.

e. Launch the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy's updates in the action plan to reflect changes in the regional economy by June 30, 2018.

Kristina started to solicit participation in the CEDS in late February. With a short window to get information and outreach she limited her inclusion to major service providers for the region. She has created a draft for the CEDS committee and public to review and is in public comment from April 9 to May 9th. The latest draft CEDS and public comment announcement can be found on BBNA's website: <https://www.bbna.com/our-programs/economic-development/>.

After the CEDS committee approves the draft CEDS it will be posted on the same webpage so it can be easily accessed by the public.

Kristina sees the value in having the CEDS for the Bristol Bay region. She is committed to conducting more outreach in the region so the communities can use this resource as it is intended.

Kristina has noticed that outreach and inclusion of all stakeholders of the region has not been completely inclusive. She has decided that more community outreach is needed and has mapped out avenues to do so.