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## **Exhibit G: Long Term Commitment**

The SIWG, its partners and stakeholders through pre-NOFA activities and engagement have already taken steps which commit the State to increasing the resilience in its local, regional and state jurisdictions. DHS&EM provides local jurisdictions and tribes with new and updated FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plans (HMPs) through Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) funded contractors or direct state technical assistance. Kotlik and Alakanuk updated their HMPs in 2013. Emmonak updated their HMP in 2014. The Louden Tribal Council (Galena) developed a new tribal HMP in 2014. Fort Yukon, Galena and Hughes' HMPs expire in 2015. DHS&EM will work with these communities to update their HMPs as appropriate. DCRA has committed funding for strategic management plan development for Shishmaref, Kivalina and Shaktoolik.

After the 2013 qualifying event, when the FEMA-State JFO provided the City of Galena updated data that indicated that their 1983 FIS-BFE of 131.5 feet under-estimated the flood risk, the City made the decision to self-regulate to a higher standard than required by the NFIP and adopted a 2-foot freeboard.

The State of Alaska, through DHS&EM's State Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee prioritized over \$8M of FEMA-State Hazard Mitigation Program project funding to resiliency projects in Galena (51 residential elevations), Kotlik (10 residential elevations), Alakanuk (3 residential relocations), and Hughes (1 public building elevation).

Since the NOFA release date, AHFC funded a rental housing project in Shishmaref. The project sponsor is the local Bering Straits School District. This project will meet or exceed the IECC 2012 energy code for energy efficiency. In addition, the project is centrally located in the community far away from potential impacts from progressive coastal erosion, yet close to the airport and other community infrastructure. The units will be elevated higher than the required minimum to insure greater

resilience. This \$1.5M commitment will produce four additional units (25 year useful life) for teachers in the community. Not only is the housing designed and constructed for increased environmental resiliency, but improving the housing stock adds to teacher retention which provides co-benefits to student performance and reduces other social vulnerabilities (poverty, low employment) in a primarily Alaskan Native population, resulting in increased resiliency for the community as a whole.

AHFC will commit to increased coordination with NRDC partner agencies and adding resiliency criteria to its Qualified Allocation Plan for the statewide Low Income Housing Tax Credit rental housing development application cycles, starting in Spring 2015 and continuing into the foreseeable future. This will help align a major rental production program in Alaska with increased resiliency plans. This effort will affect the alignment of private debt financing, public debt (tax exempt bonds, USDA Section 515) and private foundation funding such as the Rasmuson Foundation. These are consistent leverage sources for LIHTC and HOME funded projects in Alaska. This commitment will produce at least 20 units of more resilient housing over the existing 3,349 units in the LIHTC stock, each year.

AHFC will commit to increased coordination with NRDC partner agencies and adding resiliency criteria to its rating criteria for its statewide Teacher, Health Professional and Public Safety program starting in Fall 2015 and continuing into the foreseeable future. This will help align a major rental production program in rural Alaska with increased resiliency plans. This effort will affect the alignment of private debt financing, state grant funds and private foundation funding such as the Rasmuson Foundation. The Rasmuson Foundation has made a three-year commitment of \$1.95M to leverage state funding under this program. This commitment will produce at least 20 units of more resilient housing over the existing 418 units built under this program since 2004.