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Dear Mr. Madden:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that the state of Alaska has been successful in Phase 1 of the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) and is invited to participate in Phase 2. Phase 2 gives applicants the opportunity to propose projects designed to enhance disaster resilience. Your invitation to compete is based on a review of the application submitted in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issued by the Department on September 17, 2014 (FR-5800-N-29). Enclosed please find the application's ratings by sub-factor including panel summary comments which are provided to give you information now that might help to make your Phase 2 application as competitive as possible.

Phase 2 application instructions are in the NDRC NOFA (FR-5800-N-29A) and submissions will be due via grants.gov on October 27, 2015. For additional resources on Phase 2, HUD has launched two websites: one to provide updates on the NOFA, and a second to provide more general disaster and climate resilience research and resources targeted to support not only eligible applicant communities, but a more general audience as well. The NDRC page on the HUD Exchange provides a link to the NOFA on Grants.gov and additional webinars. Any future webinar recordings will also be posted at <https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-dr/resilient-recovery>. The Community Resilience Resource page on the HUD Exchange provides resources and research on disaster and climate resilience. You can find those resources at <http://hud.gov/resilience>.

Note that the purposes of the Phase 1 framing phase, and the Phase 2 implementation phase are different. These differences will affect HUD's approach to factor ratings, with Phase 2 responses to include fully articulated resilience-enhancing disaster recovery or revitalization projects or programs addressing the Phase 1 general framing. Long-term commitments in Phase 2 are expected to be independently implementable and not dependent on CDBG-NDR funding. The long-term commitments must be very specific and include a baseline and a goal outcome measure expressing who or what (e.g., persons, households, businesses, structures) are expected to be positively protected by each action or commitment for a specified duration (in years), plus the effective date of the change or implementation. The NOFA is clear that taking or committing to resilience-enhancing actions will enhance the competitiveness of Phase 2 proposals. HUD will provide further assistance via webinars and conference calls on satisfying this requirement in Phase 2.

To guide your project selection and scheduling planning purposes, please note the limited duration of NDRC fund availability described in Appendix A.II.A, and Appendix E. If the jurisdiction's Phase 2 application includes activities that are not expected to be completed within 24 months of the effective date of the grant agreement with HUD, you are expected to include a waiver request with your application. Instructions are in Appendix E. In no case can HUD approve an extension beyond September 30, 2022, due to statutory expiration of funds.

The Department appreciates your interest in the NDRC and remains committed to assisting in the recovery from major disasters by helping communities to rebuild and increase resilience to future disasters. Your success in Phase 1 is a testament to your jurisdiction's hard work and soundness of approach to protecting people and property from future harm. If you or any members of your staff have any questions, please email the NDRC Team at [resilientrecovery@hud.gov](mailto:resilientrecovery@hud.gov). We wish you the best of luck in Phase 2.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure