



SOLICITATION FOR ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS

Maritime Transportation Risk Assessment – COOK INLET

The Cook Inlet Risk Assessment (CIRA) Management Team is soliciting applications for membership to the CIRA Advisory Panel. This process is part of a Federally-mandated, multi-phase risk assessment of maritime transportation in the Cook Inlet of Alaska. The mission of the Advisory Panel is to provide stakeholders' perception of current and future risks posed from maritime transportation transiting through and adjacent to the Cook Inlet. The Advisory Panel is intended to operate as an independent entity from the CIRA Management Team. The Management Team consists of the US Coast Guard, Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

The primary purpose of the CIRA Advisory Panel is to:

- Assist in identifying hazards and offer local knowledge to characterize the risks
- Assist in establishing tolerance parameters for risks
- Perform an initial prioritization of risk reduction measures

Composition of the Advisory Panel will include stakeholders and experts who would offer local knowledge and expertise on all issues pertinent to the risk assessment. There will be twelve (12) stakeholder categories to include:

- > Local ports and harbors
- > Land/natural resource managers
- > Alaska Native Tribe/Subsistence user
- > Non-Governmental Organizations
- > Fishing industry
- > Mariners in local trade
 - Tug and barge
 - Container ships
 - Tank vessels
 - Other
- > Marine salvor/Rescue tug operator
- > Marine pilot
- > Oil platform operator/Mobile offshore drilling unit

Members are appointed as individuals, not representatives of a company or organization. They will be selected based on their knowledge of local infrastructure, relevant industries, waterways, navigation, weather, habitat and area use. Advisory Panel members are expected to work with others in their stakeholder group to clarify the issues

and recommendations that will shape the risk assessment. The desired size of the Advisory Panel is twelve (12) primary members, one for each category, and one (1) alternate member for each category.

Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC is the Facilitator of the Advisory Panel and will also assist in coordinating input on the risk assessment from a wide array of stakeholders and help to ensure that the input is fairly considered within the Panel.

The CIRA Advisory Panel will meet approximately six (6) times during the risk assessment.

Each Advisory Panel member will serve no more than the life of the project, which will last no more than three years. CIRA Advisory Panel positions are voluntary, non-paid appointments. The Project will pay for travel expenses and provide a reasonable per diem for attendance at meetings of the Advisory Panel to members and subject matter experts. The CIRA Facilitator, in coordination with Management Team and Advisory Panel members, schedules CIRA Advisory Panel meetings.

Individuals interested in applying for seat on the Advisory Panel should submit a completed application form and letter of interest via email or fax no later than August 26, 2011. The application form can be found on the CIRA Project website: (<http://www.cookinletriskassessment.com>). Completed forms can be emailed to: CIRAapplicants@nukaresearch.com or faxed to: (240) 368-7467.

We plan on providing notification of the final selection by September 1, 2011 and the first meeting of the Advisory Panel will be on September 12 in Anchorage.