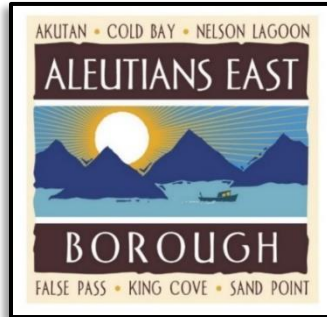


# In the Loop



## **Intrepid Crew Completes Major Milestone for GCI's AU-Aleutians Fiber Project**

The final splice is 'like the golden spike in the transcontinental railroad'

*ANCHORAGE, Alaska* – GCI, Alaska's largest telecommunications company, has made the final subsea fiber splice for its [AU-Aleutians Fiber Project](https://news.gci.com/news-releases/intrepid-crew-completes-major-milestone-for-gcis-au-aleutians-fiber-project). The final splice connects each slender strand of fiber into GCI's existing fiber optic infrastructure in Kodiak, linking the new network backbone to the rest of the world.

The major project milestone marks the completion of the deployment of more than 800 miles of subsea fiber stretching from Unalaska to Kodiak. As this phase of the project wraps up, GCI ground crews are hard at work preparing for the launch of the first 2 gig residential internet speeds in the Aleutians later this year.

### **Read more:**

<https://news.gci.com/news-releases/intrepid-crew-completes-major-milestone-for-gcis-au-aleutians-fiber-project>

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## **Native Village of Port Lions Awarded Federal Grant to Bring Urban-Level Internet Speeds to 6 Additional Remote Communities**

The project will deliver GCI's lightning-fast 2 gig speeds, unlimited data, and affordable plans to some of the most remote and underserved communities in the nation

*ANCHORAGE, Alaska* — The Native Village of Port Lions, in partnership with GCI, is the recipient of a \$29.3 million grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The grant funds will be used to construct a subsea fiber network that will deliver 2 gig residential internet speeds to the Alaska communities of Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Cold Bay, False Pass, Ouzinkie and Port Lions.

**Read more:**

<https://news.gci.com/news-releases/native-village-of-port-lions-awarded-29-3m-federal-grant-to-bring-urban-level-internet-speeds-to-six-more-remote-communities>

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## **Army Corps of Engineers Interview Questionnaire – World War II Drum Disposal Area, Beach Seep Area, Frosty Road Milepost 4 Fuel Storage, and Milepost 5 Encampment Areas**

Hello, my name is Tasha Michael with AECOM. On behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps), we are conducting interviews to better understand your concerns about the World War II Drum Disposal Area (DDA), Beach Seep Area (BSA),B Frosty Road Milepost 4 Fuel Storage (MP4), and Milepost 5 Encampment Area (MP5) Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). World War II Drum Disposal Area is located east of the town of Cold Bay, approximately 1,000 feet northeast of the end of the East-West Runway (EWR) of the Cold Bay airport and 200 feet west of the former aboveground storage tank (AST) at the BSA. The BSA is situated on a bluff overlooking Cold Bay adjacent to the DDA. The MP4 area is located along Morzhovoi Road

between Lake Donna to the east of the site and Lake Collins to the west. The MP5 Encampment Area is located west of MP4 at approximately Milepost 5 of Frosty Road.

Your answers will help the Corps get a better picture of what is important to you, and will help us understand what stakeholders want or need from the Corps.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is committed to protecting human health and the environment and improving public safety by cleaning up environmental contamination on properties formerly used for military purposes. We want to engage and inform concerned stakeholders on the FUDS in your area.

1. Do you use the DDA, BSA, MP4 and or MP5 sites for recreational/subsistence activities? If so, what activities do you participate in at these areas?
2. How often and for how long do you or your family go to the DDA, BSA, MP4 and or MP5 sites? Over how many years? Did you ever live near these sites? If so, what period?
3. How did you learn about military operations at the sites? What do you know about the sites?
4. A. Do you have any recent questions or concerns that have arose since 2020?  
B. Are you aware of any new concerns or issues expressed by other interested stakeholders or people that use the sites?
5. Are there any concerns that you mentioned in 2020 that have not been addressed?
6. What do you think interested stakeholders want to know about the sites?
7. Can you suggest anyone else, for example an organization, group, or community leader that has interest or specialized knowledge about the site?

Current mechanisms to distribute project-related information include information repositories for the MP4 and MP5 projects at the Cold Bay city office. Interested parties may access the information by contacting the Public Administrator at 907-532-2401. The FUDS information repository is also available at the USACE Alaska District in Anchorage, Alaska, on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). Members of the public interested in further information will be

directed to the nearest information repository on JBER by contacting the FUDS project managers, Kelly Baltz (Project Manager for MP4 & MP5), at 907-753-2576 or [kelly.j.baltz@usace.army.mil](mailto:kelly.j.baltz@usace.army.mil) and Jeremy Craner (Project Manager for BSA and DDA), at 907-753-2628 or [jeremy.d.craner@usace.army.mil](mailto:jeremy.d.craner@usace.army.mil). The FUDS program manager, Ken Andraschko, at 907-753-5647 or [kenneth.r.andraschko@usace.army.mil](mailto:kenneth.r.andraschko@usace.army.mil) can also be contacted for additional information. If new areas of contamination or munitions are identified for RI in the future, a new local information repository will be set up in Cold Bay.

Do these methods of communication work for you? Do you have suggestions for improving communication?

8. Members of the community travel frequently and many have moved away from Cold Bay making it impractical for many community members to attend a public meeting. USACE will consider alternate methods of sharing information with the community about the Cold Bay FUDS projects such as e-mail or sending information through the mail to community members that would be more effective than community meetings. Feedback received from interviews with members of the community indicated that e-mail is the preferred method of communication. What method of information sharing works best for you/your organization?
9. How often would you like to receive information from the Corps? Do you prefer to receive information by mail or email?
10. Do you have any suggestions on ways to improve stakeholder involvement and information sharing?
11. Is there anything else you would like to mention that we have not discussed?
12. Is there anyone else that you recommend talking to about the site?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wants the public to be a part of our efforts to ensure the public's safety and protect the environment. Again, thank you for taking the time to complete his interview. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, Project Managers: Kelly Baltz and Jeremy Craner (contact information above).

The project manager is responsible for keeping stakeholders, including interested local, state, and federal officials, updated as site activities progress.

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## **Maintenance Director (Sand Point, Alaska)**

### **Job Summary**

- Act as the Aleutians East Borough's Maintenance Director for the facilities within the Borough.

This is an exempt, regular full-time position.

### **Major Duties**

- Responsible for the maintenance and proper operation and care of facilities for which the Borough is responsible including schools, houses, offices and related equipment. Maintenance, repair and upkeep of harbor, marine and other public facilities may also be required as may be requested by the Mayor or Administrator.
- Responsible for regular inspections of the local facilities to ensure all systems are working properly; identifying maintenance needs, and coordinating/scheduling repairs and upgrades to facilities, as may be requested by the Mayor or Administrator.
- Perform or will provide technical assistance and direction to site administrators, maintenance workers and custodians in organizing and performing necessary repairs, and acquiring materials and equipment for Borough approved projects, as requested by the Mayor or Administrator.
- Coordinate with engineers and contractors on Borough projects as needed and may be asked to review project documents, i.e., designs, specifications.
- Proficient in proper procedures and requirements for personal safety and the safety of the facilities and attend Borough safety meetings.
- Train staff to follow proper procedures and requirements for personal safety and the safety of the facilities.
- Report to the Mayor or Administrator regularly, including an annual report on the status and condition of borough facilities.
- Prepare a 6-year capital projects plan to accomplish the Borough needs for major and minor repair, rehabilitation and replacement of Borough owned buildings and other public facilities including school facilities.
- Be the primary point of contact with the School District regarding maintenance needs.
- Perform and/or supervise minor construction projects.
- Complete all appropriate paperwork for grants and other funding agencies, as necessary.
- Other duties as assigned.

### **Job Requirements**

- High School diploma or equivalent.

- Demonstrates proficiency with all the component tasks listed in “Major Duties” above.
- Demonstrates ability to take direction and then work independently to complete assigned tasks.
- Work closely with the Aleutians East Borough Mayor, Aleutians East Borough Administration, the Aleutians East Borough School District and other entities.
- Ultra-reliable person with excellent judgment.
- Quick learner with the ability to accept and process feedback, who can document a history of outstanding productivity while generating exceptionally high quality of work.
- Ability to lift, move and carry fifty (50) pounds.
- May be required to work seven (7) days a week.
- Will be required to travel and provide services to Borough facilities in Akutan, Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, and Sand Point.
- Prefer familiarity with the Aleutians and/or rural Alaska.

## **Skills**

- The Maintenance Director must have the skills to perform all needed work and to plan, schedule and accomplish assigned work within a budget.
- The desired qualities include but are not limited to:
  - Knowledge of school facilities, mechanical systems, the Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act, Underground Storage Tanks, and OSHA programs.
  - Knowledge of furnaces, boilers, generators, fire control systems, sprinkler systems, and locksmithing.
  - Technical experience in use of personal computers, electronic mail, spreadsheets and word processing.
  - Construction foreman ability, i.e., supervision of skilled and unskilled labor in the repair or replacement of facilities or broken equipment, room additions, roof repair/replacement, siding repair/replacement.
  - Ability to perform minor construction projects.
  - Organized in purchasing and management of building materials and maintenance supplies.
  - Is able to work independently with a minimum amount of direction.
  - Ability to safely work with and direct handling of hazardous materials.

## **Work Environment**

Work is performed in an indoor/outdoor environment in Akutan, False Pass, Cold Bay, Nelson Lagoon, King Cove and Sand Point. Work will primarily be conducted out of the Sand Point Aleutians East Borough Office. There is a lot of interaction with people, both in person, via e-mail and cellphone.


## **Supervisory Control/Responsibilities**

The Maintenance Director reports to the Borough Mayor or the Borough Administration.

## **Compensation**

This is an exempt, regular full-time position. Work hours may vary on a daily and weekly basis. The salary range is from \$60,000 to \$85,000 per year. The salary range depends on experience, licenses, etc. This position includes customary AEB benefits for permanent employees (PERS retirement, health coverage for employee with coverage for family members available at employee’s expense, paid holidays, paid vacation, workers’ comp, etc.). The Borough does not participate in social security deductions but a deferred income, retirement benefit is available to all employees.

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Borough Administrator

6/13/2022  
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Date

**For more information, visit the following link:**

<https://www.aleutianseast.org/jobs/aleutians-east-borough-seeking-a-maintenance-director/>

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## **Aleutians East Borough Job Description**

### **Accounting Clerk**

King Cove, AK

#### **Job Summary**

- Performs the daily accounting functions for the Borough.
- Abides by suitable professional standards and maintains confidentiality as appropriate while carrying out the major duties and requirements of this position as articulated in this job description.

#### **Major Duties**

- Tabulates and inputs data for the accounts payable and receivable and payroll.
- Runs appropriate batch reports for AP and Payroll batches for the Finance Director to review prior to posting.
- Prepares necessary Journal Entries related to monthly or year end reporting for review by the Finance Director before posting.
- Performs monthly bank reconciliation for review by the Finance Director.
- Makes and reconciles deposits of the Borough's banking and checking accounts.
- Maintains vendor files.
- Maintains the Borough's payroll files.

- Maintains the Borough's electronic storage system for the Finance Department.
- Performs other accounting/clerical duties as directed.

### **Job Requirements**

- Knowledge and level of competency equal to an associates degree in accounting, business administration or a related field.
- Communicate well with supervisor and other staff.
- In lieu of the above, a combination of education and experience sufficient to demonstrate competency in the duties of the position. This will be interpreted as a minimum of three years of education and experience.
- Ability to be bonded.

### **Skills**

- Knowledge of the principles and practices of public finance, budgeting and governmental accounting.
  - Knowledge of personal computer equipment and other office technology and equipment.
  - Ability to maintain accurate and detailed accounting and financial records.
  - Skill in utilizing various hardware and software computer applications.
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- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, Borough employees, and elected officials.
  - Skill in the use of a calculator.

### **Work Environment**

Work is performed in an office environment and consists of desk work utilizing a computer, phone and other office equipment. Limited travel within and outside of the Borough may be necessary.

### **Supervisory Control/Responsibilities**

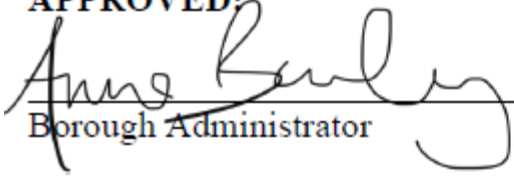
The Finance Director supervises the Borough Accounting Clerk position.

### **Compensation**

This is a regular, non-exempt, full-time, hourly position. Normal work hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with one (1) hour off for lunch, Monday through Friday. The pay range is from \$20.00 per hour (\$41,600.00 per year) to \$27.00 per hour (\$56,160.00 per year), depending on experience. This position includes customary AEB benefits for regular employees (PERS retirement, health coverage for employee with coverage for family members available at employee's expense, paid holidays, paid vacation, workers' comp, etc.). The Borough does not participate in social security, but a deferred income, retirement benefit is available to all employees.



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For more information, visit the following link:

<https://www.aleutianseast.org/aleutians-east-borough-seeking-an-accounting-clerk/>

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