NEW DEGREE PROGRAM PROPOSAL Associate of Arts in Security Management (AASM) School of Management

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department

Cover Memorandum

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- B. The leadership of the HSEM program proposes and requests approval for a new associate degree, an Associate of Arts in Security Management (AASM), to be offered at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. An AASM degree is designed to serve both aspiring and existing homeland security and emergency response practitioners. Additionally, an AASM is meant to provide students a stepping stone into the fields of homeland security and emergency management as well as the opportunity to enroll in the HSEM program in the School of Management. Currently, most students interested in the HSEM Bachelor of Emergency Management (BEM) degree have completed a technical associate's degree in emergency medical services, fire science, military studies, or similar programs to obtain the bachelor's degree. The proposed AASM degree is key in allowing students from our Transportation and Security Administration (TSA) corporate deliveries to apply credits obtained towards an associate degree in order to pursue their educational goals within the homeland security and emergency management enterprise. Additionally, the capability to contribute to growing Alaska's own workforce cannot be overemphasized.

The primary objectives of the program are:

- Provide an entry-level degree to students interested in the homeland security and emergency management fields.
- Provide students continued opportunities to pursue their educational goals within the homeland security and emergency management enterprise to include baccalaureate and graduate education.

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