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October 3, 2014

Mr. Cameron Carlson
Director, Center for the Study of Security, Hazards, Response and Preparedness
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Dear Mr. Carlson,

As you work toward establishment of a master's degree program in emergency preparedness, I want to endorse the concept and encourage your work.

The UAF Firefighting program is well known, and I run into graduates across the state. We have a need for this advanced degree program with our extensive network of emergency responders in the Coast Guard, other military, civil, police and fire authorities, and oversight groups such as the regional citizens' advisory councils. Our earthquake, tsunami, fire, flood, and defense risks are considerable. Environmental risks are growing as tanker traffic grows in the North Pacific and Bering Sea. There is a strong risk to the public from terrorism, and health epidemic challenges are not out of the question. Education helps us all be prepared.

In my own career, I have learned – the hard way – the importance of effective emergency management. In my current job, I know how much we depend on professionals – professionals of the kind you would train. I worked with responders on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, as Director of the Cordova Oil Spill Response office, and – at the recommendation of our fire chief, Dewey Whetsell, helped convince Congress to improve oil spill emergency response by adopting and mandating the Incident Command System used by other disaster responders. I served as co-chair of Alaska's State Emergency Response Commission, as Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and I led a group of emergency response experts from the U.S. to the closest nuclear power plant to Alaska, at Bilibino, on the Chukotka Peninsula. As Lt. Governor, I helped negotiate the Search and Rescue and Oil Spill Response agreements adopted in the Arctic Council process, and continue to push for improvements to disaster preparedness on Alaska's growing coastline. These and other experiences – including

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losing my father in a house fire when I was a teenager – convince me that we need well-trained professionals to help shape emergency response preparedness.

I have worked with your programs at the School of Management and see this as a strong, appropriate extension of your work. Thank you and Godspeed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Carlson:

On behalf of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association, I am writing to express my support for the Master of Security and Disaster Management (MSDM) degree proposed by the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) faculty in the School of Management at UAF. The Alaska Fire Chiefs Association's members are career and volunteer chief executive officers of fire and emergency medical services organizations throughout Alaska.

As representatives of Alaska's fire, emergency medical, and emergency management services, we recognize the value of a graduate program and its significance to our field. Today's city managers, elected officials, and citizens expect and demand a higher level of professionalism and managerial acumen in their chief fire executives than ever before. A graduate degree in this field will provide the tools, insights, and perspectives necessary to the successful chief fire and emergency management executive.

The ability to attend Alaska's own university brings added credibility and convenience, and has the added benefit of keeping our tuition dollars working at home. We enthusiastically support this proposed program and encourage its approval.

Please

Best Regards,

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September 30, 2014

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Dear Mr. Carlson:

I am providing this letter of support for the development of the Master of Security and Disaster Management (MSDM) degree initiative. Having worked closely with the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) program at UAF for a number of years now, I know from first hand experience that the degree will be a natural extension to the Bachelor of Emergency Management degree.

The timing for this degree could not be better. Many of our students in the AAS Fire Science program advance on to the HSEM program. In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of students asking for graduate level coursework and a degree program. A graduate degree of this nature will provide students as well as those in the workforce the additional lift needed to advance their educational and career prospects. Many fire departments and emergency service organizations now place a preference if not a requirement for this level of education for executive level positions. The degree will serve to advance Alaska and its citizens as our first responders learn more about advanced aspects in providing for our public safety.

As the Program Coordinator for the Emergency Services (Fire Science) Program at UAFs Community and Technical College, I can personally attest to the fact that this will be well received by students in our program. An educational pathway from an AAS to MSDS would place UAF on the forefront of emergency management. I have no doubt that it will be of interest to others as well.

I look forward to the formal approval for this degree. Student interest will be significant.

Sincerely,
John George, Associate Professor

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Dear Mr. Carlson,

It is my pleasure to support the proposal to develop a Masters of Security and Disaster Management (MSDM) within the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Management.

The Bachelor of Emergency Management (BEM) program already offers an outstanding opportunity for military veterans, as high veteran enrollment has consistently indicated. It allows these men and women to apply the skills they gained serving our country and apply them towards careers in both the military and the civilian world. An expansion into graduate-level coursework is a natural progression for many of these students and should be an opportunity that is available to them without having to leave Alaska.

Strong enrollment numbers in the BEM program indicate an ongoing demand for workforce development in this field. The proposed MSDM would allow students to further specialize in a homeland security and emergency management curriculum that focuses on Alaska's unique characteristics and challenges. Building upon the success of the BEM and as the only program offering a defined curriculum of homeland security and emergency management education here in Alaska, the School of Management is ideally situated to manage and deliver this program.

I stand behind the efforts of the HSEM as they develop a curriculum and seek formal approval of the MSDM. This program will allow veterans and other students to further their knowledge and help build the capacity of first responders and other emergency personnel within the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Bill Wielechowski

Senator Bill Wielechowski

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September 19, 2014

Director Cameron Carlson, Center for the Study of Security, Hazards, Response and Preparedness (C-SSHRP)
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Dear Director ~~Carlson~~ Cam:

While talking to one of your faculty members the other day I heard about the new proposed Masters of Security and Disaster Management (MSDM) degree that is being proposed with the help of your Homeland Security and Emergency Management program at UAF.

A graduate program in this area would be productive to so many employees and agencies throughout the state. I realize you currently have a bachelor's degree program in the emergency management area, but this would take it a step above. As you may be aware one of the Governors priorities in the recent years has been in the area of our citizens and government agencies being prepared to handle any situation.

I fully support this endeavor as they develop seek formal approval to deliver the MSDM. This program will no doubt prove to educate and assist first responders throughout the State of Alaska. I am also willing to testify at any curriculum meetings or at the Board of Regents hearings if necessary. Please feel free to contact me if I can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Terry Vrabec
Deputy Commissioner
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24 September 2014

Mr. Cameron Carlson
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Dear Mr. Carlson:

I support, and am in favor of the School of Management's development of the Master of Security and Disaster Management (MSDM) degree. A graduate degree of this nature would tremendously benefit me and advance my career as a potential Emergency Manager and/or assist me in becoming more competitive in the fields of Security and Disaster Management, in general. This graduate degree would also serve to help link and connect me to the projected advancements that will be made in both my career field and/or parallel fields in which I may work.

Most importantly, it is critical that The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program (HSEM) at UAF develop students educationally for what they will encounter in their career. Based upon global concerns, both home and abroad, and in regards to providing this ongoing and advanced degree, I have no doubt that I will benefit from the MSDM, and that it will prove to further my education. It is my hope that the degree will be delivered shortly so that I may plan accordingly in reaching for, and obtaining my educational goals.

I look forward to hearing more from you in the upcoming months about the degree and wish to help promote the degree to both, possible "new individuals to the field," as well as likeminded students at UAF.

Very respectfully,

Teresa Koch, UAF/HSEM Student

2 October, 2014

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Dear Mr. Carlson: Cam

I am highly interested in the development of the Master of Security and Disaster Management (MSDM) degree currently under development in the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) program.

As a graduate of the bachelor of emergency management degree in the School of Management, the ability to continue my graduate degree, within the same program would be ideal. I have been looking forward to the development of a graduate degree to meet the advanced needs of my employment goals. As the BEM has already provided me the ability to seek and gain employment, a graduate degree will only serve to reinforce additional opportunities.

I am incredibly interested in learning more about the program. I completely support the development of the MSDM an look forward to hearing about its approval.

Sincerely,

Jarred MacArthur

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September 23, 2014

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Dear Mr. Carlson:

It is my pleasure write a letter in support of the proposal of the Master of Security and Disaster Management (MSDM) degree being developed by members of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) program in the School of Management at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

A graduate program providing additional education as to the operational to strategic significance of emergency management and security would prove to be ideal for both our employees and those who provide for our collective public safety. The bachelor of emergency management degree (BEM) has already proven itself to be a tremendous workforces development initiative. Building upon the success of the BEM and as the only program offering a defined curriculum of homeland security and emergency management education here in Alaska, the School of Management is ideally situated to manage and deliver this program.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the HSEM program as they develop seek formal approval to deliver the MSDM. This program will no doubt prove to assist first responders throughout the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Carlson:

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As a graduate of the University's associate of applied science in fire science and bachelor of emergency management (BEM) programs, it would be a natural progression to further my education in this specialized field of study. A graduate program providing additional education as to the operational and strategic significance of emergency management and security would prove to be ideal for both myself and those who provide for our collective public safety. The BEM has already proven itself as a tremendous workforce development initiative. Building upon the success of the BEM and as the only program offering a defined curriculum of homeland security and emergency management education here in Alaska, the School of Management is ideally situated to manage and deliver this program.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the HSEM program as they develop to seek formal approval to deliver the MSDM. The addition of this program will prove to assist first responders throughout the state of Alaska and beyond. I look forward to participating in this program.

Sincerely,

Randy Pommenville

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Growing our own in emergency management is significant. As a legislator who represents rural and urban Alaska, I have seen many emergencies where Alaskans and their knowledge of our state and her people have made a critical difference in response.

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It is our sincere desire to work with MSDM to provide a track of educational cohorts that would benefit our Veterinary Students. As you may know not all of our students will receive an offer to Veterinary School in their first try, and while they await the next cycle of applications, this program would provide a wonderful opportunity for post-bacs to get a MS in Emergency Management, thereby benefiting our community and the students.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the HSEM program as they develop seek formal approval to deliver the MSDM. This program will no doubt prove to assist first responders throughout the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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