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Please accept this letter as support of Alaska Air Transit's bid to receive the EAS contract to serve the community of McGrath.

Alaska Air Transit has offered scheduled air service to McGrath since October 2012. Since that time, they have proven to be a safe and dependable transporter of passengers and cargo. Throughout the past 7 1/2 years, they have responded responsibly to the ever-fluctuating demands that can be inherent while operating in rural Alaska. Extra flights have been added as needed during busy seasons, such as Iron Dog, Iditarod, Bluegrass Festival and our fall moose hunting season.

Serving our remote location with an unmatched level of customer service, Alaska Air Transit has become a member of the local business community, offering compassionate support to community members at times of greatest need.

AAT also sponsors events throughout the year, benefiting the school, radio station and various businesses and residents.

As the operator of a local airline terminal, I have had the pleasure of working with AAT's ownership, pilots and supporting crew members. The entire AAT team has earned a solid reputation of being the living embodiment of the famous Alaskan spirit that so many travelers enjoy. Alaska Air Transit is truly a joy to work with... and to fly with!

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards,

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