Alaska Air Transit is the best applicant for the EAS contract with the community of McGrath. They have an extensive history serving the McGrath area and have a proven safety record and customer satisfaction.

The Pilatus PC-12 has the best safety record in its class of aircraft, including aircraft competing for the EAS with twin engines, the King Air and the Navajo.



In addition to safety, the PC-12 is larger than the competing 9 passenger aircraft and has a higher carrying capacity for mail and cargo. The Pilatus is 4 1/2 ft longer and has 45% more cabin volume, even though both aircraft are represented as 9 passenger aircraft. The PC-12 also has a large aft cargo door and cargo zone capable of holding palletized freight, with a separate boarding door so passengers don't have to crawl through freight to get to their seats.

AAT's Merrill Field location is convenient for people traveling for medical and is close to shopping centers and downtown hotels. The free shuttle service AAT is offering will provide transportation for passengers with connecting flights at Ted Stevens International Airport while also allowing passengers who are staying in Anchorage to arrive in a central location.

I support AAT's proposal because they are safe, reliable, and well equipped to provide service to McGraths travel and freight transpiration needs in the immediate and long-term future.

Your opinion counts! Share why you support Alaska Air Transit and compose your message to the DOT.

First Name:	Rocky
Last Name:	Frerichs
Message Body:	Alaska Air Transit
I fly to McGrath	several times a year and last month, for the 1st time I flew with AAT and it was
one of the best of	experiences I have had flying as they are very customer driven and did a great job.
I have learned ho	w much they care about the communities they serve. They are offering a very valuable
service to the resi	dents and travelers to McGrath. They are a sponser of the Iditarod race and the Native
Youth Olympics	. It would be a great honor to have them recieve the EAS contract with McGrath
as they would co	ontinue to offer great service at a fair price. They have an outstanding safety
record which eases the minds of travelers during this difficult time.	