

## ABOUT ALEUT

The Aleut Corporation (Aleut) was established in 1972, is one of the 13 original Alaska Native regional corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). Aleut manages a diverse investment portfolio that generates shareholder benefits, including dividends, employment opportunities, cultural programs, and scholarships. Today, Aleut represents over 4,200 Unanga̋ shareholders from the Aleutian and Pribilof Island Region.



Aleut works alongside our region's tribal entities, village corporations, and nonprofits and is dedicated to serving its shareholders by fostering economic growth, while protecting ancestral lands and preserving cultural heritage. As part of ANCSA, Aleut was entrusted with 1.572 million acres of subsurface estate and 70,789 acres of surface lands in the Aleutian and Pribilof Island region. In 2004, Aleut received 47,150 additional acres of land and many repurposed facilities on Adak Island as the result of a Land Transfer Agreement with the United States Government

## ADAK, ALASKA

Adak Island is located in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska and has a rich cultural history, along with more recent military history related to World War II and the Cold War. In 1942, the U.S. established the Adak Army Airfield to counter Japanese forces occupying Attu and Kiska islands. Adak served as a strategic launching point for air strikes and military operations support in the Aleutian Campaign. Following the war, the facilities were transferred to the Alaskan Air Command in 1945 and then to the U.S. Navy in 1950. The base played a critical role during the Cold War. The military base was closed in 1997, and the base infrastructure and surrounding land was transferred to Aleut in 2004.

### Adak's Future

In honoring Aleut's mission, the company envisions economic opportunity on Adak that balances business operations, job creation, infrastructure development and the promotion of Adak as a leading travel destination. All of these opportunities are intended to grow Adak's economic vitality, while honoring the centuries-long Unanga̋ stewardship of traditional lands. This future for Adak is hindered by an undelivered promise by the Federal Government.

## ADAK CONTAMINATED LANDS

A significant amount of the land transferred to Aleut in 2004 is contaminated from military use, along with left-behind building materials like asbestos, and lead paint. The health and safety risks of the contamination on Adak hinders the economic development opportunities for the island, where potential investors and developers are deterred by the costs and liabilities associated with such sites.

## EXISTING CLEANUP EFFORTS

Cleanup efforts require substantial funding and resources, and while programs like the EPA’s Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance funding program provide some support, the scale of contamination exceeds these available resources. Aleut has expended its own funds to address some of the most pressing contamination on Adak, but as time and weather impact the former military site, the need becomes more critical.

A unique and decisive solution is needed to address the environmental impacts of the military’s presence on Adak, beyond the current approach, which requires multiple grant programs in a complex legal and regulatory framework.

Since the 2004 Land Transfer Agreement of Adak, Aleut has been expending the corporation’s resources on cleanup efforts, managing the most acute cases of land contamination left behind and addressing instances of deteriorating infrastructure that pose immediate health and safety risks to people on the island. In recent years, Aleut has worked through Federal programs that provide much-needed resources for the cleanup effort. Because of the enormity of the cleanup effort, Aleut seeks a more direct path to the necessary cleanup efforts on Adak – for the benefit of Aleut shareholders, the people, and the community of Adak.

## REMEDIATION GRANTS TO DATE

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**PIER 5 REPAIRS - \$10.1M**  
 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) — Repairs include removal of deteriorated timber pile fender system, damaged concrete piles and caps, and installation of high-energy absorbing fender system.  
*Awarding Agency:* Department of Transportation MARAD  
*Aleut Investment:* \$2.0M
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**BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENTS - \$2M**  
 FY23 Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant — Assessment of five focus areas, including NGSAs, Arctic Acres, Bayshore, Red and White Sheds, and Contractor Pads area.  
*Awarding Agency:* Environmental Protection Agency
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**RECYCLING EQUIPMENT - \$1.5M**  
 Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) — Purchase of recycling equipment to revitalize the recycle center.  
*Awarding Agency:* Environmental Protection Agency
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**PUBLIC WORKS MONOFILL - \$2.1M**  
 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Contaminated Lands — Provide permanent monofill top for Public Works Building.  
*Awarding Agency:* Environmental Protection Agency
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**FUEL PIER IMPROVEMENTS - \$6.6M**  
 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) — Repairs include demolition and installation of catwalk and piles, installation of fencing and railing, repairs to cracked and spalled concrete sections.  
*Awarding Agency:* Department of Transportation MARAD

**Project Status**

Awarded

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