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Benefactor Re-ignites Build Campaign

- Alaska Airmen's Association

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA - Alaska Airmen members have a challenge – to complete the fundraising for the new headquarters building. “A couple of our members have pledged to match any donation made to the building fund up to \$300,000,” said Dee Hanson, executive director of the Airmen's Association. The new building would replace the current building located at Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Anchorage.

The campaign for a new building was set in place a year after the Alaska Airmen's Association purchased property on Lake Hood in September of 2006. The new building will be a 2,000 square foot single story building that will accommodate 100 people for meetings and events. Its estimated cost is \$500,000.

Currently the Airmen's headquarters is a 1,100 square foot building with no bathrooms or running water. Located on the southernmost tip of the commercial finger, the location is right in the heart of Lake Hood Seaplane Base. The new building will replace the old office headquarters, which will be auctioned off before being removed from the property.

The launch of the campaign was not the best time economically; however members have come forward to offer their services. Over \$192,000 has been raised and 350 members have contributed to the new headquarters building. “We have the money in the bank and we also have commitments for in-kind contributions for services,” Hanson said. Generous offers of custom cabinets from Kodiak Cabinets, electrical services from Diamond Electric and hot-water heating units from Susitna Energy are some examples of how members can contribute.

“With this new challenge from a couple that truly believe in our mission, I am confident others will see the commitment for this facility and be encouraged to contribute. Donations of any kind and or any amount are appreciated,” said Hanson.

The Alaska Airmen's Association is a non-profit statewide organization with 2,000 members that serves general aviation pilots and aircraft owners from Ketchikan to Barrow.

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