The Capital Request
Funding to lay the foundation for a long-term, self-sustaining oil spill research and education center at America’s arctic university.

There is currently only limited coordination on oil spill research in the Arctic. The Arctic Center for Oil Spill Research and Education seeks to bring together communities, educators, private investors, NGOs, the oil and shipping industry, and government agencies to build new approaches and capacity in Alaska.

The Project
• Fill knowledge gaps and explore innovate new approaches to oil spill prevention monitoring & response.
• Develop long-term partnerships with government agencies, private industry, and Alaska communities.
• Conduct basic research about how arctic ecosystems would be affected by arctic offshore oil spills.
• Establish oil spill prevention, preparedness and response curriculum and training programs.
• Seek funding from government, private and NGO sponsors.
• Publicize results via collaborative meetings, museum displays, online portals and peer reviewed publicly accessible journals.

Amount requested: $1 million
$1 million in state seed money provides leverage for $2 million non-state funding

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The proposed A-CORE will be a coordination center for new research opportunities; a synergistic forum for scientists, community members and decision-makers; and a development center for education programs addressing oil spills and their potential effects along Alaska’s arctic coast.