



**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Memorandum

Subject: Subcontracted Flying by Alaska Seaplane for Wings of
Alaska

Date: January 4, 2009

For Kevin Adams

From: Dennis J. DeVany, Chief
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Reference: Orders 2008-8-16

Order 2008-8-16 selected Wings of Alaska to provide subsidized EAS at Excursion Inlet through August 31, 2010. The service was to consist of three nonstop round trips per week in the 16-week peak period and one nonstop round trip per week in the 36-week off-peak period. All of the service was to be provided with 5-seat Cessna 206/207 aircraft, with weekly ceilings of \$433.24 in the peak and \$1,299.62 in the peak.

Wings of Alaska has indicated that Excursion Inlet does not plow its runway in the winter, and so until the snow melts, which may be for several months, wheeled aircraft, the only aircraft currently flown by Wings of Alaska, cannot operate. Seaplane service could still be provided when the runway is closed. Wings of Alaska has discussed subcontracting its service at Excursion Inlet to Alaska Seaplane service for several months during the winter when it is unable to operate.

We have contacted the community, and it does not object. Wings will be required to indicate on its monthly billings the days when the subcontract service was provided and the aircraft type and seats used on that service. Both Wings and Alaska Seaplane will be required to keep records consistent with our carrier-selection orders. Payments will be continue to be made to Wings of Alaska -- Wings of Alaska and Alaska Seaplane are responsible for payments to each other.

cc:

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