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Mr. Nick Mastrodicasa
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Dear Mr. Mastrodicasa:

Unfortunately, Alaska's legacy survey data is inaccurate and based on technologies no longer supported. In today's need for highly accurate data, Alaska does not have an existing, state wide, 1st Order, survey control network. Incorporating SDMI will allow all entities the opportunity to be productive on any platform whether it is for government or personal use. I propose this network be established during the course of creating the digital topographic map and for it to include Horizontal coordinates. A fundamental, on the ground, sectionalized-grid network should be administered for Alaskans in order to permit progress in today's fast track world. Without "accurate", fully digitized data, Alaska workers will continue to produce erroneous data, thus perpetuating inaccurate maps, drawings, quantities, Plats, water body elevations, etc.

Therefore I support the agencies overseeing SDMI and realize the challenges Alaska will present in this endeavour.

Regards,

Douglas Aulbach
"An Individual"