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Subject: 1935 MV Kalakala & Port Angeles Historic Site

Dear Honorable Governor Gregoire,

On behalf of the Kalakala Alliance Foundation (KAF), I would like to thank you most sincerely for organizing our meeting with Ms Kathleen Drew and Ms Allison Brooks. We are delighted at the opportunity to discuss our 'National Parks Service 2009 Save America's Treasures (SAT) grant application, potential private/public partnership impacts, and the Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area feasibility study.

I am also taking this opportunity to introduce Select Contracts to the State of Washington. I have signed a professional services contract with Select Contracts for them to manage the entire redesign, construction, and operations of the MV Kalakala, as well as her new home port, once the SAT grant application has been approved. Select Contracts will bring to KAF 31 years of turnkey solutions (design:build:operate) experience in the leisure and entertainment industry worldwide. With Select Contracts on board, we can be assured of the successful implementation of a professional development, from the concept to completion of this unique and exciting project that will, once again, make us all proud of the historic vessel.

Our due-diligence efforts have identified ways to create future opportunities related to public-private participation and support. We have access to Federal, State, City, and Port funding and credit enhancement alternatives that will allow KAF to secure non-profit 501 C 3 bonds and financing in the future. Our business plan and independent economic and market feasibility study identifies FTE jobs, positive regional economic impacts, heritage and cultural benefits, and a positive operating cash flow based upon the MV Kalakala alone. And, we have master planned her a homeport that we know can become a major community maritime heritage tourist destination project. Today, we look forward to sharing undivided efforts with you in future harmony within the proposed Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area.

Once we receive the SAT grant, we intend to roll the MV Kalakala out of the water and we would like to take the next private/public steps by presenting to the Port of Tacoma a temporary and DOE permitted site or local ship yard that would allow major works to be performed on the MV Kalakala. We have a private team to accomplish all these tasks and will be seeking the Port of Tacoma's support to make this happen. We request your endorsement and support to help the MV Kalakala move towards a KAF and State private/public preservation effort.

During our meeting with your representatives, I would like to demonstrate our professional progress from a development perspective. We also want to report our grant and loan progress to the Governor. Most importantly, we feel that this moment in time is an opportunity for a renewed spirit of the Kalakala to become a community center piece such as; the Eiffel Tower, Twin towers & USS New York, and Seattle's Space Needle to serve the people generation after generation.

I would welcome an opportunity to review our historically unique project with you personally.

Yours faithfully,
Steve Rodrigues 
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