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AK REGIONAL HOUSING  
AUTHORITIES  
| **AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS STORY**  
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# Alaska Native Regional Housing Authority Overview

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Major conduit for federal,  
state & private affordable  
housing funding & services

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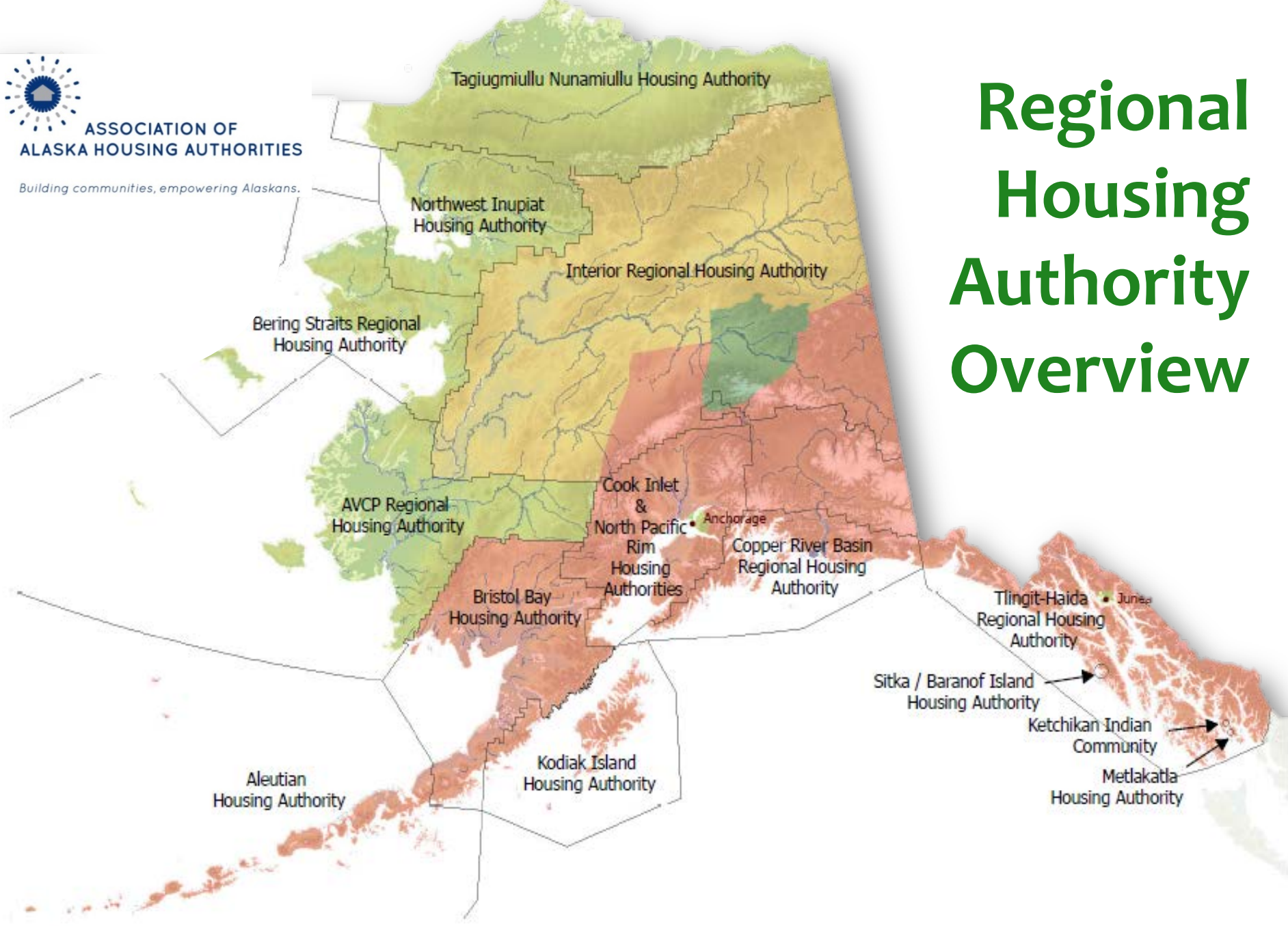
- ① 51 NAHASDA Recipients
  - ① 14 Regional Housing Authorities (TDHE's)  
194 Tribes
  - ① 37 Individual Tribal Recipients
- ① Total Alaska NAHASDA Allocation = \$91, 656, 892
  - ① RHA's = \$77,501,997
  - ① ITR = \$14,154,895



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12,000 new  
homes since  
1971



New SFH | Unalaska, Alaska



# 2012 RHA operations resulted in:

- Energy efficient homes: 190
- Homes weatherized: 1,220
- Homes rehabilitated: 740
- Housing units managed: 4,100



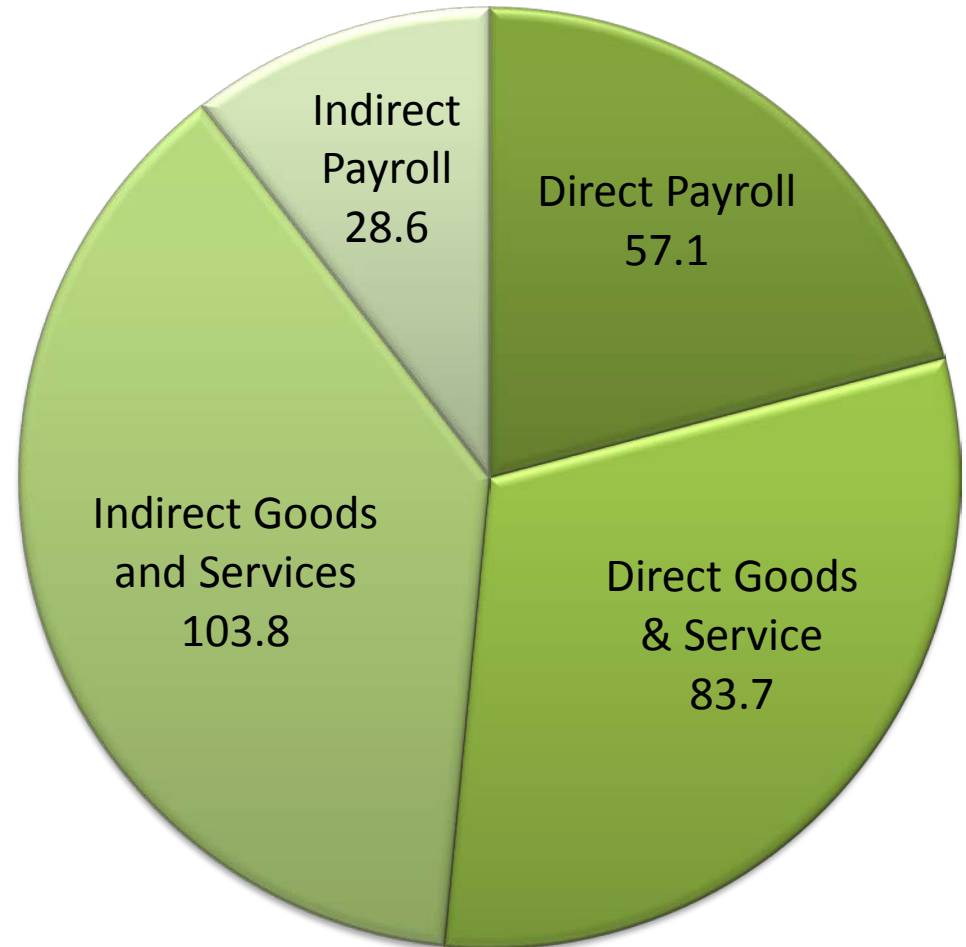
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## Millions of Dollars

In 2012, RHAs generated **\$273 million** in economic activity and **2,240** jobs for Alaskans.

**\$99 million invested** in construction, home improvement and acquisition



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# Funding

# Sources

**Three significant sources of funding for improving energy efficiency:**

1. NAHASDA | federal
2. Supplemental Housing Grant Program | state
3. Weatherization | state





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# AHFC SUPPLEMENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GRANT

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## Purpose

Provides a **20%** match to federal HUD funds for:

- ⊙ **Energy efficient design features**
- ⊙ **On-site water & sewer facilities;**
- ⊙ **Roads to project sites; and**
- ⊙ **Electrical distribution systems**

# Requires adherence to State **BEEES** standards

No other required **energy** efficiency or building code standards in most of rural Alaska



The image shows a 'Building Energy Efficiency Standard (BEEES) Certification' form from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. The form includes fields for 'Owner of Record', 'Building is located at' (with sub-fields for Street and City), 'Legal Description is:', 'Property is:' (with checkboxes for 'New Construction' and 'Existing Construction'), and 'Date Construction Began: (YR.)'. It also has a checkbox for 'Certifying BEEES'. Two sections, 'THERMAL COMPLIANCE STATEMENT' and 'VENTILATION COMPLIANCE STATEMENT', each require a signature, name, and expiration date. The form is titled 'Form PUR-101 08/13'.

# Funding History

1991

1992

1993

1994

1995

1996

Since 1993: High (2012): \$11 M

Low (2000): \$3.8 M

2014: \$7 M

**Results:** Construction and rehabilitation of **11,700 units** in over **250 communities**

# AHFC SUPPLEMENTAL HOUSING GRANT

FY 2011-2013

**AVCP Supplemental  
Grant Expenditures: \$8,827,559 (92 Units)**

**AHA Supplemental  
Grant Expenditures: \$1,211,807 ( 103 Units)**





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# WEATHERIZATION





# Total projected Weatherized Units through March 31, 2014: **13,500**



- Average saving in **ENERGY** costs
- Low 20%(ANC) High 40% (AHA/NANA)



- Average annual **HEATING FUEL** savings
- 19.8 million gallons



- Average **STATEWIDE** dollar savings
- \$46 million

# RHA Weatherization Activity

2012

## Weatherization Contracts

Contracts  
\$22.6  
million

## Weatherization Activity

Units:  
1220

## Weatherization Workforce\*

Trained  
Workforce  
: 1145



*\*highly specialized*

# Why is this Investment Important?



Alaskans burdened with significantly **higher** energy costs than rest of the US



**Why** is this  
Investment Important?

Alaska homes  
use **Twice**  
the total  
amount used as  
other homes  
classified as  
“**cold / very cold  
climates**”

# Why is this Investment Important?

3 times the energy / sq. ft.

**NANA region** = \$9.15 / sq. ft. (9x)

**Average US = \$.97**

Why is  
this  
Investment  
Important?



## Fuel price

Average in Alaska: \$5.86

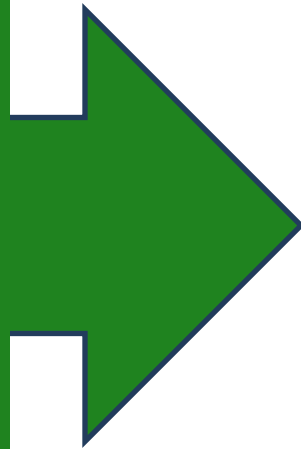
National average = \$3.98

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[\$5.83 (SE) - \$10.00 (Interior)]

Rural average much higher

Why is  
this  
Investment  
Important?



AK ranks **47<sup>th</sup>** in the  
2013 State Energy  
Efficiency Scorecard  
produced by the  
American Council for  
an Energy-Efficient  
Economy





# Why is this Investment Important?



**19,810**

Alaska homes (8% of occupied housing)

estimated to be

**one-star rated**



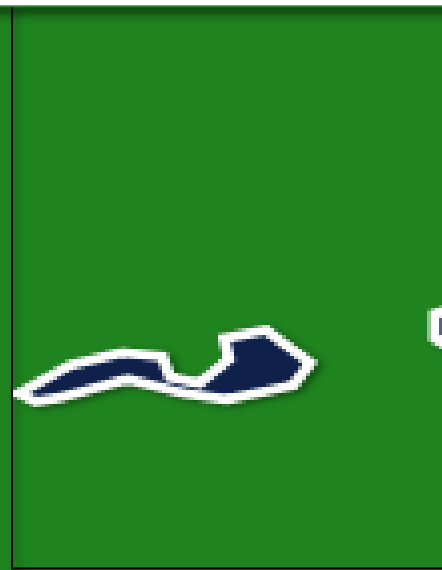
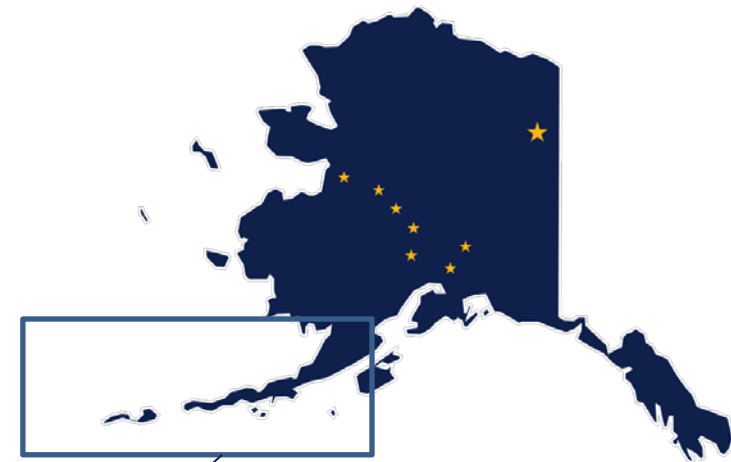
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is this  
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Important?

Weatherization of  
**existing** infrastructure

greatest possible  
**ROI** and benefit to  
AK's most needy  
population.



# AHA Regional WX Activity





- 1,100 miles from Anchorage
- 4.5 hour flight
- (RT) Airfare - \$1750
- Heating fuel - \$7.65 per gallon
- Electricity - \$.75 per kwh
- Barge service 2 to 3 times per year

WX Client No.	Annual Fuel Saving in gallons	Annual Cost Savings
15	302	\$3,106.60
13	455	\$4,052.00
6	675	\$6,018.00
2	580	\$5,372.00
11	425	\$3,883.65
10	550	\$4,811.00
8	266	\$2,631.09
7	203	\$2,224.86
6	275	\$2,822.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>\$34,921.20</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>\$3,880.13</b>

**ATKA Post  
Weatherization  
Average Client  
Savings 42%**



*“ My fuel cost was cut nearly in half. When you pay an upward of \$8 dollars a gallon, this is significant. Prior to weatherization I would use roughly 800 to 900 gallons of fuel a year. ”*



Sarah Golodoff



# Past & Present

AHA

Doing **great work** all  
across our region **but**  
Can we do **even** better?

Performance  
& Cost?





# AHA | Looking to the Future



# Innovation

We are always seeking continuous

**improvement.**

We are never afraid to question the

status quo. 

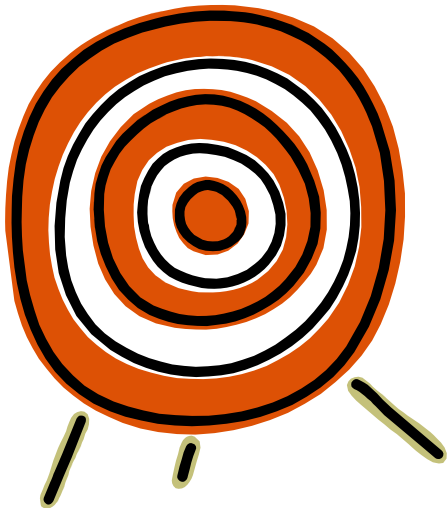
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HOME  
DESIGN  
COMPETITION



# COMPETITION

## SUMMARY

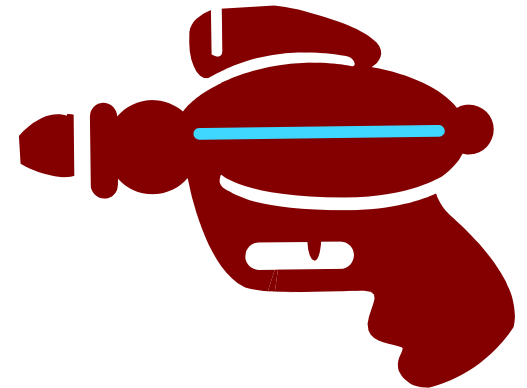
We learned  
a lot ...



**COMPETITION**

**SUMMARY**

# No Magic Bullet



# COMPETITION

## SUMMARY

Process evolved into  
**Three** on-going  
projects / activities



# COMPETITION

## SUMMARY

- Octagon Model (Designed to be “net-zero energy”)
- Stabilized-insulated  
Rammed Earth Model
- Optimization (of existing model)



## Sand point A – Rendition



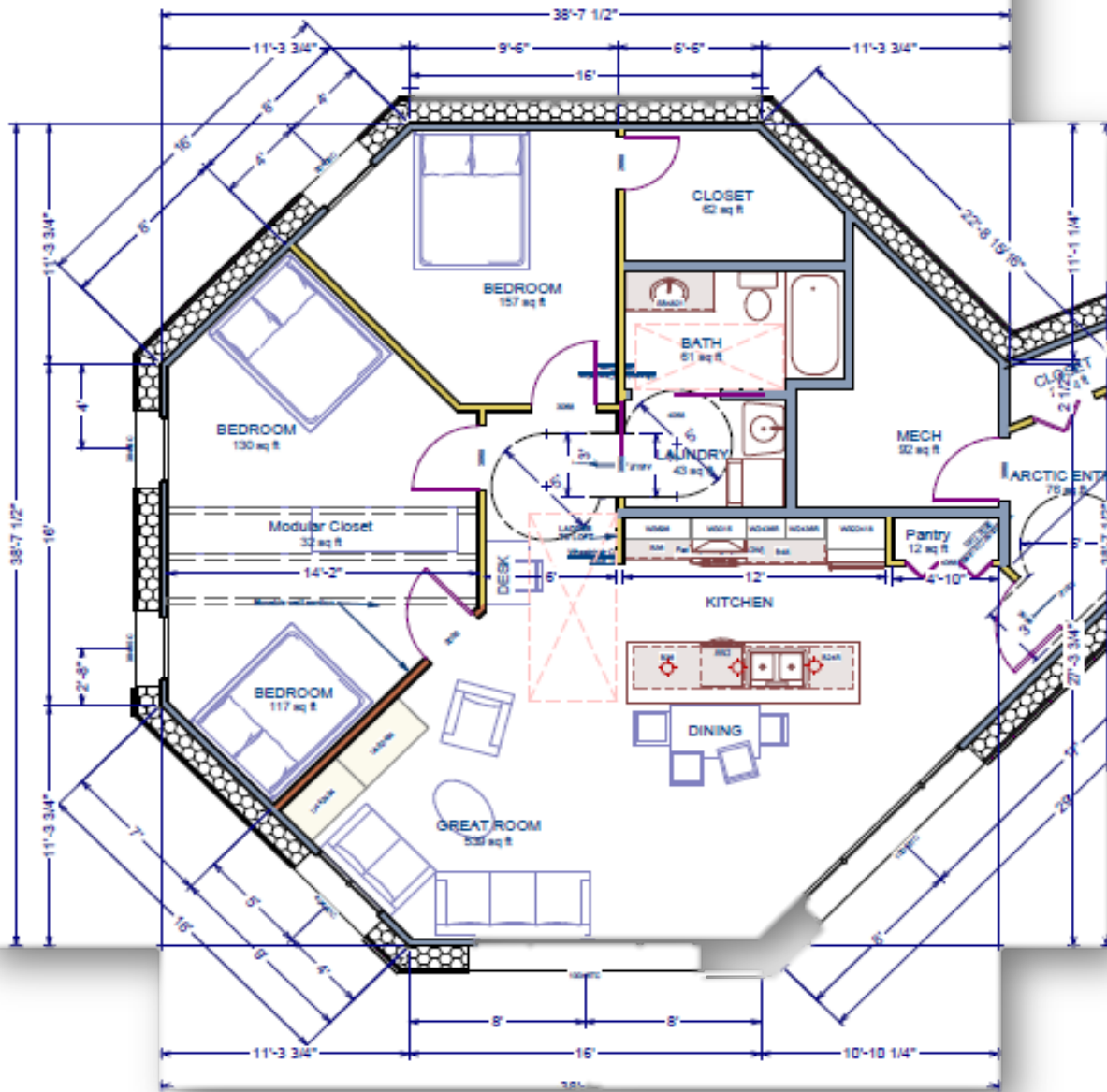
# OCTAGON

## PROTOTYPE

- ⊙ Designed for Net-Zero Energy
- ⊙ Ventera VT10-240 – 10Kw Turbine
- ⊙ 1000 Gal Thermal Storage Tank
- ⊙ Double-wall 2x4 Construction: Blown Fiberglass Insulation

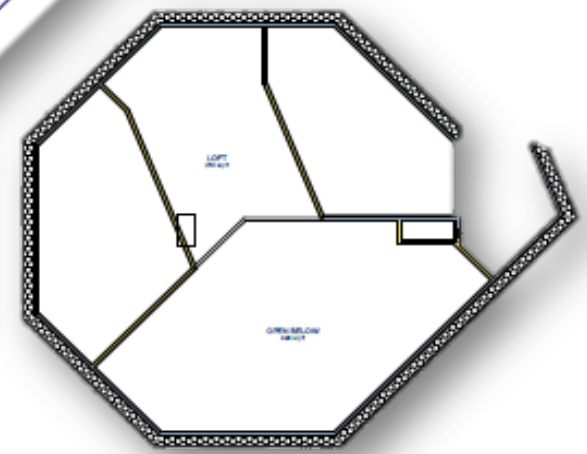


**FIRST FLOOR PLAN**



**Sand point A  
– interior view**

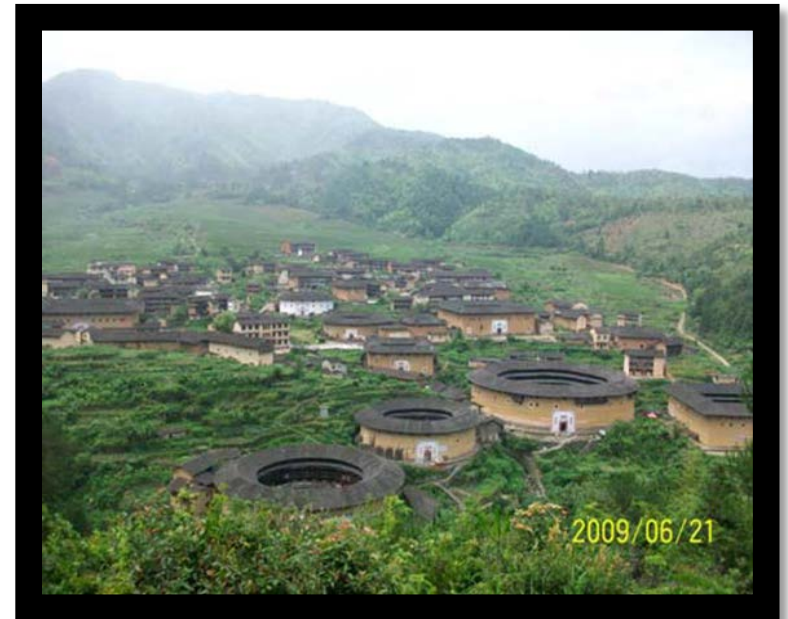
**SECOND FLOOR PLAN**



# Sand point A – Birds Eye View



# Looking to the Future: The Ultimate in Sustainable Housing Stabilized-Insulated Rammed Earth





LIVING  
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DESIGN  
COMPETITION



Earth Dwell LTD. + RMH Design

Sloping gently towards the south and the adjacent hillside the Aleutian Earth House is a simple shed form with a sod roof that blends the structure with the surrounding landscape, offers habitat for migratory birds, and provides additional thermal insulation. The thick earthen walls, erected from on-island subsoil, meld the structure into the landscape. The shifting lines of color reflect the variation in the subterranean strata and the presence of iron oxides found within the earth. The entire structure appears as though it emerged from the earth to facilitate the living experience of the inhabitants. The design is guided by the necessity to shelter, provide and inspire. The green roof provides multiple environmental benefits which extend beyond the structure and site; it will remove particulates from the atmosphere and act as a bio filter for the rainwater, before storage for uses on the site.

Modern stabilized-insulated rammed earth walls are very durable, thermally efficient, non-toxic, and eliminate the necessity for any other wall materials. Once the walls are stripped of the forms they are complete. There is no need for exterior siding, interior sheetrock, or paint. Electrical conduit and air ducts placed in the walls during construction allow for clean simple walls to surround the inhabitants. The wall finish is a reflection of the local soils and the ramming process. Using an abundant local material reduces the shipping cost for the project, offsetting the greater labor costs associated with rammed earth construction.



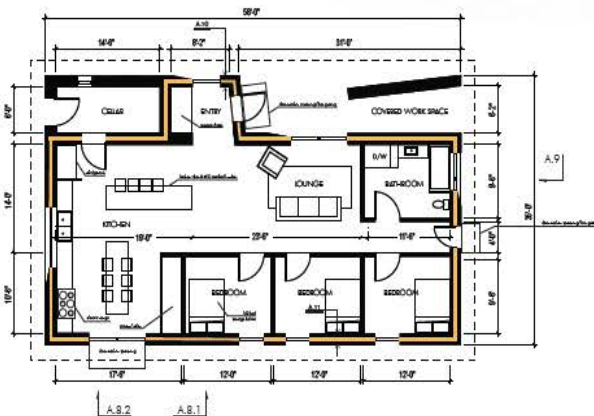
Green Roof  
Fills rainwater  
Provides habitat  
Additional insulation  
Merges structure with site  
Cleans air  
Slows run-off

Rainwater Catchment  
10,000 gal storage  
Monthly demand=2,700 gal/month  
Underground fiberglass tank  
Basket Filter > UV sterilizer

Constructed Wetland  
Treats grey water  
Provides habitat  
Reintroduces water to site  
Horizontal system

Local Earth  
Primary building material  
Zone O1 sourcing  
Non-toxic, durable  
High thermal storage,  
Beautiful, low embodied energy

## Rammed Earth Model











# Rammed Earth

Prototype

## PRO'S

- ⊙ Potential use of local materials
- ⊙ Two wall elements instead of 8-9 for most if not all structural elements
- ⊙ Construct the walls with a single process & walls are complete (possible exterior sealant)

# Rammed Earth

Prototype

## CON'S

- ⊙ Labor intensive;
- ⊙ Materials may not be available
- ⊙ Specialized skills



# Rammed Earth

Prototype

HUD “Sustainable  
Construction in Indian  
Country” Small Grant Program

AHA received \$100K for “Stabilized  
Rammed Earth Demonstration &  
Technology Dissemination Project.”



# SCIC Grant

## Purpose

Will conduct structural & energy **efficiency** performance research in partnership with West Virginia University – Constructed Facilities Center



**AHA conducting  
PHPP12\***

**“optimization”  
modeling & analysis**  
on existing and  
prototype models



**(“Passive House Planning Package” v.12)**

**Additional**

**Strategies**

# Strategies

Moving towards  
implementing

**"PH Standards"**  
on all projects





# Focus on

1. Quality (energy efficiencies /life cycle costs) over Quantity
2. End User Cost over TDC

Strategies

# RHA ACTIVITY

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- Kodiak – Solar Thermal
  - CIHA – Solar Thermal (Eagle River Project)
  - THRHA – Ketchikan Heat Pumps / Wood Pellets
  - AVCP – Interior Value Engineering
  - NWIHA – Cold Climate/ HUD (ICDBG) Project
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# Thank you!

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