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Kootznoowoo thanks Cowper

To Gov. Steve Cowper:

On behalf of Kootznoowoo Government Services Inc. and the village of Angoon, I would like to extend our thanks to your administration for honoring the intent of the Buy Alaska Products legislation.

Several divisions of your administration have purchased KGS Wolf computers that are assembled at our manufacturing facility in Angoon.

As you are well aware, villages throughout Alaska are facing severe revenue problems. It is ironic that some of the problems are the result of too much state generosity earlier in the decade.

Angoon, as other communities, benefitted from the state's largess with new schools, improved utilities and several facilities such as the public safety building and our modern, well equipped museum. But with the decline in revenue sharing we were faced with staffing and maintaining these new facilities without an adequate tax base.

Our solution was to turn the state-built museum into a manufacturing facility. With its high tech ventilation and halon fire suppression systems and

the static-free environment, the building is ideal for assembling electronic components.

We have been able to make good use of the museum building and employ nearly 20 residents of Angoon. In a few short years, KGS has become an important contributor to the economy of our village.

It is too early in the life of our venture to say that it has been an unqualified success. But our break even point is within sight, and credit must be given to your administration for supporting our company through purchases of Wolf computers.

We wish to acknowledge as valued customers the Departments of Administration and Transportation and Public Facilities, as well as agencies such as Legislative Affairs, Ketchikan Correctional Center and the University of Alaska.

Thank you for your support by buying Alaskan. Have a happy holiday.

Sincerely,
Edward J. Gamble Sr.
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