

1    **B-108 Purchase Pick-Ups and Snowmobiles, \$842,200**

2    Q.    What methods of transportation, including the locations from which vehicles  
3           are being dispatched, are now being used in these areas?

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6    A.    Staff currently rent transportation from local residents, as these communities  
7           are isolated and accessible only by air or boat. These rentals consist of pick-  
8           ups, ATV's and snowmobiles often in substandard condition. Deficiencies  
9           include lack of windows and sometimes doors, braking and steering systems  
10          that have not been maintained, etc. Staff has no choice but to use them,  
11          because no alternatives are available.