Program Fact Sheet: Regional Energy Planning

**Current Status:**
Regional energy plan working drafts have been completed for the Aleut, Bering Straits, Bristol Bay, Copper Valley and Northwest Arctic regions. In the Northwest Arctic and Aleut regions the contractors have conducted Phase II outreach activities in each community and produced revised draft plans, which AEA is currently reviewing. In the Bering Straits region the Phase I contractor declined to continue into Phase II. AEA selected a new contractor through an RFP process and has a new contract in place for Phase II.

**Program Background:**
Regional Energy Planning is a way for Alaskans to determine their energy priorities and formulate a concrete, implementable, and fundable energy plan. The plans address electric, heating, and transportation energy needs. Each energy region is crafting a specific action plan to ensure an affordable, reliable, efficient, and sustainable energy future. Each effort incorporates regional stakeholders, evaluation of alternatives and prioritized projects that can be funded. Energy planning boundaries follow political boundaries but are generally similar to the ANCSA (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) boundaries. The Railbelt Integrated Resource Plan (RIRP) includes six regulated electric utilities serving customers from Homer to Fairbanks. Southeast Integrated Resource Plan (SEIRP) includes Southeast communities from Yakutat to Metlakatla. Both plans are complete. For other regions, AEA is contracting with regional organizations and using a three-phase planning process with the following phases:

- **Phase I – Resource Assessment:** Stakeholder identification, data gathering, preparation of working draft
- **Phase II – Stakeholder Outreach:** Outreach to communities and stakeholders using working draft, incorporation of feedback into final draft
- **Phase III – Project Analysis:** Technical and economic analysis of final priority projects

**Program Progress:**
The Northwest Arctic and Aleut regional contractors have completed stakeholder outreach and are finalizing the plans. The Kodiak, Bering Straits, and Copper Valley regional contractors have begun Phase II outreach. The Bristol Bay regional contractor is preparing a scope for Phase II outreach activities. Discussions have been underway with potential contractors for the Chugach and Yukon-Koyukuk/Upper Tanana regions.