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AEA Awards Grant for Energy Efficiency Study Statewide Report Due by Year End

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) has awarded a \$146,000 grant to the Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) to develop a comprehensive, statewide Energy Efficiency Policy Report by the end of this year. This is the first project resulting from the competitive U.S. Department of Energy grant AEA was awarded in 2010.

“We are very pleased to initiate these comprehensive energy efficiency research efforts for Alaska,” said AEA Acting Executive Director Mike Harper. “The work that will be done under this grant will produce a valuable tool for policy makers and stakeholders, and will help our state reach the goal of increasing energy efficiency fifteen percent by 2020.”

In 2008, the CCHRC oversaw the preparation of the initial Policy and Program Recommendations Report. This report has been a vital resource in the development of new policies and programs relating to energy efficiency in Alaska, including the 15% by 2020 target established in the 2010 legislative session, and the creation of an energy use index for public buildings.

The new report will expand on the previous work and cover all of Alaska. A key feature of this effort is the addition of energy efficiency research for Alaska’s industrial and transportation sectors. This will build on existing studies of the state’s residential and commercial sectors.

A preliminary report to the Legislature is expected during the upcoming session.

Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state whose mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

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