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To All Interested Alaskans:

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is accepting applications for Round 19 of the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) program. Applications are due by **4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026**. Applicant and eligibility requirements, along with application instructions, are available on AEA's website at akenergyauthority.org/ref.

The Alaska State Legislature established the REF in 2008 to support renewable energy projects across Alaska. To date, more than 340 REF grants, representing approximately \$348 million in state funds, have been approved. The Fiscal Year 2027 capital budget includes \$14.6 million for REF projects. More than 110 operational REF projects have been completed through the program, offsetting an estimated 13.6 million gallons of diesel annually.

The REF is a competitive grant program that provides funding for emerging and proven renewable energy technologies. Eligible uses include feasibility studies, reconnaissance studies, engineering and design efforts, and construction of renewable energy projects. AEA encourages applicants to consider the maturity of their projects when applying. Projects that require feasibility analysis or conceptual design should seek funding for those phases before applying for later project phases.

After the evaluation process concludes and the Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee (REFAC) approves its recommendations, AEA will submit the REFAC's recommended projects to the Legislature for consideration. The REFAC is a nine-member advisory body established under Alaska Statute 42.45.045. Funding decisions rest with the Governor and the Legislature. A recommendation from REFAC does not guarantee funding.

AEA appreciates the efforts of applicants who continue to develop renewable energy projects across Alaska and looks forward to reviewing Round 19 applications.

Sincerely,



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CEO/Executive Director