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New rural satellite office opened by the Denali Commission

Anchorage, AK - - March 9th, 2007 – The Denali Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the opening of its first rural satellite office in Naknek, Alaska. Since inception, in 1998, the Denali Commission has had headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska with no permanent rural Alaska presence.

The new satellite office is located in the Naknek Electric Association building. The office will be staffed by one Denali Commission employee, Dolly Ann Trefon, a resident of Naknek. Mrs. Trefon will remotely manage the Commission's Travel Program which is responsible for all travel regulations, arrangements, reimbursements, and travel related training for Commission staff, Commissioners and invitational travelers such as advisory committee members. Through the power of the Internet, Mrs. Trefon's work will be supported by an on-line travel system and e-mail communication.

"This is just one of the flexible and innovative ways the Denali Commission can do business," says George Canelos, the Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission. "I am very pleased that this office is housed in rural Alaska, the service focus of the Denali Commission. Dolly Ann brings a wealth of knowledge to the Commission with her rural background and she is a welcome addition to our team."

"I view this is a start to expanding the Denali Commission's ability to meet the administrative and program needs with skilled and talented Alaskans no matter where they reside in our great State" said Canelos.

This Denali Commission hopes this position serves as model for other state and federal agencies, non-profits, and private companies. "I am hopeful Alaskan companies, organizations, and business will see this and ask; 'what business functions do we have that could be served remotely by talented and skilled rural Alaskans?'" said Canelos.

Dolly Ann's previous experience includes work with the U.S. Census Bureau where Dolly Ann conducted surveys for the Department of Labor around the Kenai Peninsula. She has also worked extensively with various tribal governments in the areas of accounting and tax preparation. She obtained her bachelor's in business administration from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. "Technology is a wonder," says Dolly Ann, "that's what makes the new office an exciting challenge and challenge is wonderful!"

George Canelos will be officially opening the new Naknek satellite office on April 2nd at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Naknek Electric Association, Inc. Offices with a meet and greet session at our new offices while he is in the community addressing the Naknek Electric Association on Denali Commission activities at their Annual Meeting. We hope Naknek residents will stop in and say hello.

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