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Denali Commission Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Denali Commission Office

The Denali Commission will hold its next Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 in Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting will run from 9:00am to 3:00pm and be held in the East Conference room at The Denali Commission Office • 510 L St. Suite 410 • 907.271-1414. Public Comment is scheduled 10:00am-10:20am. The teleconference phone number is 1.866.524.6520, passcode # 2393460

The Denali Commission concept was introduced by Senator Ted Stevens and passed into federal law in 1998 for the purpose of providing an efficient tool for addressing the staggering infrastructure and utility needs in rural Alaska. The Commission provides important government coordination and funding for infrastructure which can demonstrate long-term sustainability including; power generation and transmission facilities, bulk fuel storage facilities, health care facilities, teacher housing, elder supportive housing, and solid waste facilities. The Commission also provides funding for job training, and economic development in rural communities.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee is an advisory body to the Denali Commission. The Economic Development Advisory Committee members are Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League (also Denali Commissioner); Julie Kitka, President, Alaska Federation of Natives (also Denali Commissioner); Wilfred "Boyuck" Ryan, President, Arctic Transportation Services & Alaska Air Carriers Association; Berney Richert, Jr., Director, Economic Development Association; Sherri Burette, Chair, Chugach Alaska Corporation; Doug Ward, Alaska Ship & Drydock, Inc.; Joseph Austerman, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development; Wanetta Ayers, Director, Western Alaska Community Development Program; Christi Bell, Director, UA Center of Economic Development; Charles Parker, Alaska Village Initiatives; and Barb Nickels, Director, Community Planning and Development, Kawerak, Inc.

Questions regarding this meeting can be directed to the Denali Commission offices at 907.271.1414 or toll free at 888.480.4321.