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AIDEA Board Counteroffer Accepted for Purchase of ASI

Anchorage – After a lengthy Board of Directors meeting today, Anchorage Community Development, LLC, agreed to the AIDEA Board’s final counteroffer to buy the ASI property for \$24.5 million.

The meeting included public presentations from two bidders, executive sessions to consider the offers, a public outcry auction and a final public counteroffer from the AIDEA Board. Chairman Mike Barry stated, “The Board believes this offer is in the best interest of the State. In addition to getting the property into the private sector ownership, it will be put to multiple uses that will benefit the community and create jobs.”

Final details will be negotiated after due diligence efforts are completed by both seller and buyer.

Terms agreed upon in today’s meeting include the first year at zero interest accrual or payment, four years of interest payments at the Federal Funds rate plus 2.25%, and an option after five years for final buyout or a 25-year amortization at AIDEA’s market rate. The other offer, from Pearl Investment Corporation for \$19 million, remains as a backup offer.

Anchorage Community Development LLC, a coalition of the Alliance Development Corporation and Grace Alaska, Inc, estimated the creation of up to 500 professional and service industry jobs flowing from the following enterprises: SYSCO Food Services, Inc., a new Anchorage Sportsplex for year-round indoor soccer and track, GraceAlaska, a non-profit service organization and ChangePoint, a church of 3,500 members.

Governor Murkowski said, "I am committed to getting non-performing State assets back to work. I applaud the AIDEA Board for its action today and look forward to a new beginning for the facility."

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