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AIDEA Issues Intent to Award Pre-Development Permitting Services for Section 1002 Area Oil & Gas Lease Project

(Anchorage) – Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) issued a notice of intent to award to **SAExploration, Inc. (SAE)** to perform pre-development permitting and planning work on its Section 1002 Area Oil & Gas Leases following a competitive procurement process. Activities will support a phased, multi-year seismic acquisition program targeted to begin in 2022.

SAE's subcontractors will support pre-development permitting by providing the following scopes of work:

- **Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation (KIC)** – community outreach/stakeholder relations,
- **ERC Alaska** – environmental and wildlife support, and
- **SALA, LLC** – permitting support services.

“We remain focused on realizing the promises made and the benefits conferred upon all Alaskans by Congress as part of the Statehood Act, ANCSA and ANILCA, which specifically guaranteed access to Alaska’s resources and welcome the support from SAE and their team of subcontractors to respectfully and responsibly carry out AIDEA’s critical pre-development activities,” said **AIDEA Executive Director Alan Weitzner**. “KIC will work closely with the local community and subsistence representatives to ensure traditional, local knowledge is incorporated into program activities and prevent disruptions to subsistence users.”

AIDEA firmly believes that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared for the 1002 Area Lease Sale is comprehensive and appropriately addresses all issues relevant to a leasing phase environmental impacts assessment. The non-wilderness Section 1002 Area of ANWR contains an estimated 7.6 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Exploration, development, and production is predicted to generate 1,430 direct jobs and 6,350 indirect jobs annually and 2,480 direct jobs and 10,100 indirect jobs at peak employment.

Support for developing the Section 1002 Area comes from a wide cross-section of Alaskans, including the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat (a non-profit coalition comprised of 24 entities including tribal councils, regional organizations, municipal governments, and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) corporations located in and around the 1002 Area), Governor Mike Dunleavy, Alaska’s Legislature, and all members of Alaska’s congressional delegation since 1980.

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority is a public corporation of the state. AIDEA’s purpose is to promote, develop and advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Alaska. Since 1967, AIDEA has been responsible for directing more than \$3 billion in economic development in Alaska and has declared \$439.7 million in dividends to Alaska since 1997.

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