

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## AIDEA Welcomes Dona Keppers as Chief Financial Officer and Tiffany Janssen as Commercial Finance Director

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) is pleased to announce the addition of Dona Keppers as Chief Financial Officer and Tiffany Janssen as Commercial Finance Director.

"We're excited to have Dona and Tiffany join the AIDEA team," said **AIDEA Executive Director Alan Weitzner**. "Their impressive experience in Alaska's public and private financial sectors adds considerable value to our mission as key members on our leadership team."

Serving in a shared services role, **Dona Keppers** is the Chief Financial Officer for AIDEA and its sister agency, the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). Dona has worked in Alaska's energy sector with specialized experience leading finance, accounting, and tax teams within Alaska's state government. Prior to joining AIDEA and AEA, she served as the Alaska Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, AK LNG Project Executive Sponsor, Tax Division Chief Economist and Audit Master. As Chief Financial Officer, Dona is responsible for planning, implementing, and managing all corporate financial-related activities for AIDEA and AEA, including direct responsibility for: accounting, finance, budgeting, job costing, internal and external financial reporting, forecasting, overseeing bond issuances and participating in key committees.

**Tiffany Janssen** is the Commercial Finance Director for AIDEA and has more than 15 years of experience managing commercial lending teams across southeast, southcentral, and interior Alaska. Tiffany specializes in asset-based lending working with small- to large-sized businesses with expertise in partnering with third parties to customize financial structuring for large capital projects. As Commercial Finance Director, Tiffany oversees AIDEA's commercial finance function, including the Loan Participation Program, Business and Export Assistance Program, loan administration, loan servicing, and other real estate owned (OREO) portfolios. Prior to joining AIDEA, Tiffany was the Commercial Lending Manager for Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union.

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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