

## **Municipal Advisory Group Resolution 2004-06 Final**

A Resolution Outlining Voluntary Measures to Ensure Maximum Alaska Hire for the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline:

- A. Whereas Alaska residents should benefit from natural resource development by having access to both construction and operation jobs of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline;
- B. Whereas increased Alaska hire will lead to mitigated impacts on affected municipalities by reducing the need for new services;
- C. Whereas in 1998 the Alaska North Slope Gas Commercialization Team (Commissioners Will Condon and John Shively and Attorney General Bruce Bothello) made recommendations for voluntary measures to ensure Alaska hire;
- D. Whereas the team conducted its work against a background of U.S. and Alaska Supreme Court decisions striking down previous Alaska Hire efforts;
- E. Whereas the group sought to avoid these problems by recommending requirements and voluntary measures for Alaska Hire efforts on the part of gas pipeline/export project employers;
- F. Whereas the Municipal Advisory Group endorses these requirements and voluntary measures to ensure maximum training and hiring of Alaskans;
- G. Whereas the realization of maximum local hire can be of benefit to the communities of Alaska and the companies involved in construction and operations of an Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline;

Be it therefore resolved:

- 1. The State of Alaska should require project sponsors to submit a plan outlining specific measures to hire qualified Alaskans; to train, in a timely fashion, Alaskans who are capable of becoming qualified; and to contract with Alaska businesses. The plan should include scheduled benchmarks for achieving the training and hiring of Alaskans.
- 2. The State of Alaska should require project sponsors and gas pipeline contractors to advertise within Alaska for positions, and to use State of Alaska job service organizations to notify the Alaska public regarding jobs.
- 3. The State of Alaska should require quarterly unemployment insurance submittals by project sponsors and gas pipeline contractors to identify employees and employers involved in project construction throughout the state.
- 4. The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development should create a statistical indicator of the number of Alaska resident and nonresident employees involved in project construction by comparing quarterly UI submittals against other indexes of Alaska residency, such as PFD qualifications and drivers licenses.
- 5. The State Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development should prepare and present to the legislature an annual report, by employer, that identifies the numbers of Alaska residents working on the gas pipeline project.
- 6. The State of Alaska should negotiate Alaska hiring goals and should develop incentives to reward project sponsors that achieve those goals.