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Alaska Municipal Bond Bank issues \$60.6 million, Provides Over \$5.5 million in Present Value Savings to Local Communities and the State of Alaska

Juneau – Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority executive director Deven Mitchell today is pleased to announce that the Bond Bank, through the Board of Directors, issued the 2015 Series One Bonds, expected to close March 17, 2015. The transaction included a total of ten Alaskan communities, all of which achieved a reduction in interest expense on both new money and refunding loans. The transaction achieved present value savings for Alaskans of over \$5.5 million, including \$3.4 million in reduced debt service on seven community loans eligible for the State of Alaska's school debt reimbursement program.

On February 3, 2015 the Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2015-01, authorizing the Bond Bank to make two new money loans, and to refund bonds previously issued by the Bond Bank. Communities involved in the transaction include the City of Cordova, City of Craig, Aleutians East Borough, City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, City of Nome, Northwest Arctic Borough, City and Borough of Sitka, City of Unalaska, and the City and Borough of Wrangell.

The Bond Bank generates funding by selling bonds on the national market, and using the proceeds to purchase bonds from local governments. For 40 years, the Bond Bank has provided a lower cost alternative for aiding municipalities in financing capital improvement projects such as schools, hospitals, water and sewer systems, public buildings, harbors, and public utilities.

The Bond Bank sold \$60,635,000 in bonds, which resulted in \$67,642,173 in proceeds for new money and refinancing activity. The bonds achieved an all-in true interest cost of 2.82%. Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's Rating Services have assigned "AA+" and "AA+" ratings, respectively, to the 2015 Series One Bonds.
