



AIC constructs new Anchorage road

Martin Luther King Avenue to connect Elmore Rd. and Boniface Pkwy

Image courtesy of Alaska Interstate Construction LLC



Alaska Interstate Construction LLC crews construct Martin Luther King Ave., a new Anchorage road linking Boniface Parkway and Elmore Rd.

Alaska Interstate Construction LLC (AIC) is constructing a new Anchorage road, Martin Luther King Ave. The road connects Boniface Parkway with Elmore Rd. and skirts the northern edge of Far North Bicentennial Park. AIC is the prime contractor on the project, having won the \$24 million contract from the Municipality of Anchorage with a competitive bid.

The new road is part of the municipality's Long-Range Transportation Plan. Its purpose is to relieve Anchorage traffic congestion, particularly on Tudor Rd., where current traffic far exceeds the road's capacity.

The new road's proximity to the popular Anchorage park will give it some unique features. Many people use the area for recreation. Several trails, including the Campbell Creek Trail and Tour of Anchorage trail, are being rerouted based on input from user groups. The road will include pedestrian and bike paths along its entire length, a bridge used solely for trail and wildlife crossings, and even decorative fencing.

"This road's going to be very park-like," said Bill Luebbert, AIC's Cook Inlet division manager. "Its design is such that it lends itself to bordering the park. We'll be doing extensive landscaping, with lots of shrubbery." *continued on page 6*

CIRI gears up for shareholder information meetings, annual meeting

Shareholder information meetings

Saturday, April 25

Kenai, Alaska
Kenai Middle School
201 Tinker Lane

Sunday, April 26

Anchorage, Alaska
Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center, Third Floor
600 West Seventh Avenue

Saturday, May 2

Shoreline, Washington
Shoreline Community College
16101 Greenwood Avenue North

Please help CIRI make sure there is enough food. RSVP for Kenai or Anchorage no later than Wednesday, April 22, and for Shoreline no later than Wednesday, April 29, by calling 263-5191 or 1-800-764-CIRI and selecting option 5.

Annual meeting

Saturday, June 6

Soldotna, Alaska
Soldotna Sports Center
538 Arena Avenue

CIRI tourism subsidiary invests in Seward

Lodge conference room, second catamaran, employee bunkhouse among new local projects

Although CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp. (CATC) is preparing for an anticipated reduction in Alaska visitor traffic in 2009 due to the economic recession, it has not stopped investing in the Alaska communities it operates in. One such community is Seward, Alaska, the port town on the south side of the Kenai Peninsula.

The CATC-owned 180-room Seward Windsong Lodge is currently constructing a new conference room. The room is approximately 1500 square feet and has a capacity of about 50 people. This construction follows the addition of 36 rooms to the lodge last year, and another addition the prior year. Even with the expansions, the lodge consistently maintains high occupancy levels, increasing the number of visitors that stay in Seward, not just pass through.

CATC hired a local general contracting company, Harmon Construction Inc., to build the conference room.

"We're proud to support local business," said Luke Peroni, assistant general manager of the lodge. "Those are winter jobs, which are not easy to come by in Seward." *continued on page 6*



Local workers build Kenai Fjords Tours' new bunkhouse in Seward, Alaska.



Margie Brown

A word from the president

The Cook Inlet Gas Wars By: Margie Brown, CIRC president and CEO

The state of Alaska needs to take another look at Cook Inlet as a gas basin. A year and a half ago I shared my concerns with you about the need to find and develop additional natural gas reserves in Cook Inlet. The region's legacy fields, which have provided reliable, low-cost fuel for space heating and electrical power generation for more than a generation, are running out. I feared that neglecting the need to prove up additional reserves would inevitably cause a spike in natural gas and electric rates in the Railbelt where two-thirds of Alaska's population lives.

Today, this concern is becoming widespread and pronounced among business leaders and public policy makers. Significant new Cook Inlet basin gas discoveries have been elusive and the few exploratory wells that are slated to be drilled next winter are not likely to eliminate the problem.

One solution that has garnered a lot of attention is a proposal to build a 20-inch diameter "bullet line" to transport North Slope natural gas to Railbelt consumers. Gov. Sarah Palin recently asked the state legislature to consider funding measures that would facilitate this project.

A state bullet line subsidy could cost the state as much as \$4 billion. That is a lot of money and lawmakers wisely responded by saying they need more information about the proposal and its economics before they act.

It would be more cost effective to encourage exploration in the Cook Inlet gas basin. Bullet line gas would be expensive, even after state contributions, because it has to be shipped more than 700 miles. And alternative solutions such as importing LNG from Asia would also be expensive because they would tie Railbelt gas

supplies to volatile international markets. The best solution is to continue using locally-produced Cook Inlet gas.

The first significant Cook Inlet basin gas was discovered in the Kenai gas field in 1959. It was a huge find that has provided Railbelt energy consumers with significantly lower-than-average gas prices for many years.

The problem is that Railbelt consumers depend upon natural gas to meet most of their heating and power needs. They get virtually all of their gas from Cook Inlet, but the region's proven gas reserves and production are dwindling. However, Department of Energy experts estimate that the region still has trillions of cubic feet undiscovered gas, enough to last more than 50 years at current consumption rates. If this is the case, why is there not more exploration for Cook Inlet gas?

Lack of exploration may be related to the unusual nature of the Railbelt gas market, which is isolated and disconnected from other world energy markets. Typical market forces of supply and demand do not work smoothly to set energy prices in the Railbelt. Consequently, the challenge is to find a price point that balances consumer needs for affordable energy against producer needs to earn fair returns from gas exploration and development investments.

This situation was recently characterized as a war—the Cook Inlet Gas Wars—between the Railbelt utilities and Cook Inlet gas producers by a commissioner on the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA), the government organization charged with protecting consumer interests by regulating gas and electricity prices. The RCA has resisted efforts to consider national and

world energy prices when it sets Cook Inlet gas price limits. Gas producers argue that this policy harms consumers' long-term interests by undervaluing Cook Inlet gas so that the region is not competitive in national and world exploration and development markets. Railbelt utilities counter that consumers are better off when gas price limits follow historic stranded gas structures that have been in place for years. Recent bullet line discussions are now complicating this issue.

A major commitment to natural gas importation, from the North Slope or abroad, would destroy the long-term economics of Cook Inlet gas production. What irony it would be if natural gas importation ends up killing Cook Inlet gas production, and in the process does nothing to alleviate the Railbelt's over-dependence on natural gas and its inherent price volatility.

The state of Alaska has a legitimate role using its considerable resources to ensure that Alaska's energy needs are met. However, while the state considers spending billions on the bullet line, it should first develop programs that encourage and reward Cook Inlet gas exploration. All things considered, Cook Inlet gas is likely to be the cheapest and most efficient way to fulfill Alaska's short- and mid-term energy needs.

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Our Business

CIRC publishes Facebook page

Social media site for CIRC-related topics

CIRC recently published a page on the popular social media Web site Facebook. The purpose of the page is to increase communication with shareholders and descendants using an online medium that is becoming more and more popular in today's world. CIRC hopes to provide information that shareholders and descendants will find useful and will increase their knowledge of their corporation.

The CIRC page will have a calendar with upcoming CIRC events, photos of CIRC events and projects, links to information on CIRC's Web site, discussions on relevant topics and more.

You must have a Facebook profile to access the CIRC Facebook page. To create a profile, go to www.facebook.com. Once you create a profile, or using your existing profile, simply search "CIRC." The search results will be under various tabs. Click on the "Pages" tab. The CIRC page is the first search result. Once you

access the page, join other CIRC shareholders and descendants by becoming a fan. This will also let you receive updates from the CIRC page on your own profile.

Unlike personal profile pages and groups, which individual can create in Facebook, pages can only be created by an official representative of the organization. CIRC looks forward to shareholders and descendants connecting with their corporation through this new online forum.

CIRC Board extends president/CEO's contract

The CIRC Board of Directors at its Feb. 20 meeting extended Margie Brown's employment contract as CIRC president and chief executive officer for an additional two years. Her current contract would have expired at the end of 2009.

Brown became president and chief executive officer on Jan. 1, 2005. Her responsibilities include overseeing and directing the company's business operations and activities while developing corporate policies, long-range strategies and annual operating and profit plans.

CIRI Shareholder News

CIRI to distribute resource revenue payments on April 3

Significantly lower payment anticipated for 2010

CIRI will distribute resource revenue payments to its at-large shareholders in the amount of \$18.1996 per share, or \$1,819.96 if you own 100 shares. While this amount is larger than in recent years, CIRI cautions shareholders that next year's resource revenue payment could be significantly reduced by as much as 50 percent.

This reduction is due to the decrease in global commodity prices, particularly oil and zinc, which generate a large part of the 7(i) resource revenues shared among the Alaska Native corporations.

Section 7(i) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) requires each regional corporation to share 70 percent of its net resource revenues received from ANCSA lands with the other regional corporations. Under section 7(j) of ANCSA, the percentage of the 70 percent pool that a regional corporation receives is divided equally between itself and the village corporations and at-

Seetomona wins March Stock Will prize

Linda Seetomona won the March 2009 Stock Will participation prize. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI Shareholder Relations. The CIRI Stock Will form and instructions are located on the CIRI Web site at www.ciri.com. To verify whether you have a will on file, contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

large shareholders in its region. The directors of each village corporation determine whether to distribute the 7(j) amounts it receives to its shareholders.

CIRI will mail the payments on Friday, April 3. The payments of shareholders who participate in direct deposit will be electronically transmitted to their designated account by the end of that same business day.

CIRI Spotlight: Sheila Sweetsir

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce honors first-grade teacher

Sheila Lynn Sweetsir is a mother, wife, proud CIRI shareholder, dedicated elementary school teacher with the Anchorage School District and an aspiring school principal. The 36-year-old was recently honored and recognized for her many achievements by being named to the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce "Top 40 Under 40" program.

The program was created by the Chamber and the Alaska Journal of Commerce to recognize the state's top young professionals who have demonstrated professional excellence and a commitment to their community.

Sweetsir is Athabascan and Caucasian and grew up in the Yukon River village of Galena with her mother. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and her master's degree in reading and literacy from Walden University. She is currently attending UAA to get her principal's certificate and will graduate in May 2010.

Sweetsir credits some of her early teachers with inspiring her to pursue an education: "I had some amazing teachers in Galena all through my school years. Marylee Kauffman was my sixth grade teacher and a great inspiration to me. She made learning fun and pushed us in our learning.

"After high school I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I had no money and wasn't sure if I could afford to attend college. I just had a baby and was working part time in Galena. My aunt always told me that I needed to go to college. She said it every time I saw her. I took out a loan and took a few classes in Fairbanks and then eventually moved to Anchorage and attended full-time until I graduated from UAA. My aunt came up from Oregon for my graduation."

She said the joys of teaching are seeing the children come in at the beginning of the year and seeing how much they learn from month to month.

"First grade students have to make huge gains throughout the year and have one of the biggest jumps in reading. It still amazes me how much they have to learn before the end of the year. It puts a smile on my face to see how much they learn and grow throughout the year," she said.

"Teaching requires a lot of time and dedication but it's what's necessary in order to be an effective teacher. We get 20 to 26 students each year, and each of them comes in with varying experiences in education. We take each student and learn about their needs, push them to succeed in school and prepare them for the next grade, and all the while meeting their emotional, physical, and social needs."

Sweetsir said she is proud to be a CIRI shareholder. "I received my shares from my father, the late Benny Andrews. Ever since I started attending college in



Sheila Sweetsir

Anchorage, CIRI has been a huge support to me financially. I am proud to thank them for their support.

"I've often said that through their generosity and support I'd give back to the Native community. Volunteering these past three years to help start a Native charter school here in Anchorage and advocating for Native students is my way of saying thank you to CIRI."

Sweetsir said that she does not take being a CIRI shareholder lightly.

"I am proud to be a shareholder because of my father's shares. I would like to make him proud of what I am doing and with their support I am able to attend school. Being a shareholder gives me a sense of belonging. I feel more grounded in who I am."

Sweetsir said her husband, James Sweetsir, works on the North Slope in the oil field and is gone two weeks at a time.

"The kids and I have to make the best of it when he's gone. We have a regular routine. Each week is generally the same. We have Boy Scouts on Wednesdays, soccer on Saturdays and homework during the week. I volunteer every week for the charter school on Monday nights, teach, attend an online UAA course on Thursdays, and do something fun on the weekend."

"When my husband is home we go to the cabin and snowmachine and hang out. It's our little 'village' getaway from the city. The kids can play outside and drive around on snowmachines like in the village. It's a lot of playing games,

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Nonprofit News

The CIRI Foundation activates phone tree

The CIRI Foundation (TCF) installed an interactive voice response system, commonly known as a "phone tree," on Monday, March 9. The phone tree was installed in response to the increase in requests for scholarship and grant information and the need to provide accurate information to callers. The phone tree operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

By dialing (907) 793-3575 or toll free (800) 764-3382, callers are able to choose from several menu options, have the information repeated, and return to the main menu or speak to a team member. Menu options include: 1) office hours, location, fax and website; 2) a list of upcoming scholarship and grant deadlines, descriptions of scholarship and grant programs; 3) check on application status and how to update information on a current application, including a change in the number of credits or classes; 4) information regarding eligibility requirements; 5) information about award selections, notification of funding decisions and disbursement of funds; and 6) speak with a TCF team member.

For more information, visit The CIRI Foundation Web site, www.thecirifoundation.org.

KNBA seeks volunteers for membership drives



KNBA 90.3FM is recruiting volunteers for its upcoming membership drive from May 17-21. KNBA is one of the nation's premier Native radio stations and is owned and operated by Koahnic Broadcast Corp., a CIRI nonprofit affiliate.

KNBA needs volunteers to staff the phone lines and tally pledges. Contact Suzanne Lovell at (907) 793-3500 or by e-mail at slovell@knba.org to sign up or for more information.

Shareholder-owned businesses

CIRI shareholder Liza and Michel Bieri are proud to announce the opening of Paris Bakery Cafe at 500 Muldoon Road, Suite 6 in Anchorage. Their Bakery and Cafe serves continental breakfast as well as a full lunch and dinner. They specialize in European breads and pastries and high-quality food at reasonable prices. They also offer full-service catering. Liza is the daughter of John N. and Alta C. Colberg.

Paris Bakery Cafe
500 Muldoon Road, Suite 6
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E-mail info@ciri.com or call (907) 263-5146 to submit your shareholder-owned business information.

Image courtesy of the Anchorage School District



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cooking, and watching movies. It's all about family time when we are there," she said.

Sweetsir said her advice to young people is to have a dream and pursue it.

"You may decide on a college, vocational education, armed services, or some type of training, but an education is important in today's society. Finding one person that is supportive and encourages you is important as well, whether it's a school counselor, grandparent, family friend or a relative it will be helpful when you need that extra push or someone to listen to you because at times it can be very frustrating and hard. Going to school and not having

money or even family at times can be difficult as well, but you need to remember your dream and the goals you set for yourself."

Sweetsir said her aunt Arlene Selden always encouraged her to go to school. "She continues to ask me how I am doing in school today even though I am an adult, married and have kids."

She said she shares with her own children and her two sisters the importance of attending school and getting a quality education, just as she's had supportive people in her life do the same.

Share your art with the CIRI family

2010 CIRI Calendar to feature young artists

CIRI invites shareholders and descendants 30 years old or younger to contribute original artwork for its 2010 CIRI calendar.

This is an excellent chance to share your original painting or drawing with Alaska Natives across the country and positively impact your CIRI family.

Artwork must be paintings or drawings. No photographs or crafts, please.

Please send a copy of your artwork to:

CIRI Corporate Communications
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In Touch with shareholders

Image courtesy of Jamie Ahkinga



Adrienne J.E.S. Okpealuk

Baby Adrienne

CIRI shareholder Lane Okpealuk and Jamie Ahkinga of Little Diomed, Alaska, are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Adrienne Jerri Ernestine Summer Okpealuk. Baby Adrienne was the third baby born on Jan. 1, 2009, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 5 pounds, 5.4 ounces and was 19 inches in length. She joins her siblings Alyssa Caitlin Renee Allison Ahkinga, age 8; Natalie Alexandra Alice Opik Ahkinga, age 4; and Marcus Kobe Okpealuk, age 3. The proud paternal grandparents are CIRI shareholder Marie and Michael Lawlor of Nome, Alaska, and the late Vincent Okpealuk. Baby Adrienne's maternal grandparents are Orville Sr. and Dora Ahkinga of Little Diomed.

Image courtesy of Donita Hensley



Donita and John Hensley

Anchorage wedding

CIRI shareholder Donita (Daz'i K'isen) Louise Slawson of Tyonek, Alaska, and NANA shareholder John (Aqpayuk) Paul Hensley of Kotzebue, Alaska, were married Oct. 15, 2008, at home in Anchorage with their family and friends in attendance. John proposed to Donita at Church on the Rock in Wasilla, Alaska, during a Fresh Start meeting on Aug. 11, 2008. The event was officiated by Robert Adams, a close friend of the groom. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Becky Peratrovich. The bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Martha Dey; the bride's youngest daughter, Feona D. Peter; and the groom's daughter, Sheila Hensley. The groomsman was the groom's brother-in-law Rudolph Dey. The groom's aunt, Stella Hensley, made the bride and groom traditional attiluks for the wedding. The groom's granddaughter, Ariel Collin, was the flower girl. The groom's grandson, Joel Collin, was the ring bearer.

Donita grew up in Seattle and Tyonek, graduated from Anchorage's E.L. "Bob" Bartlett High School in 1976 and graduated from Kenai Peninsula College in 1999. She is a Dena'ina Culture Bearer, having written and published the book "Dene' Knowledge and Spirituality." Donita leads a Dena'ina dance group and is the lead vocalist for the Alaska Native Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet) Band. She currently works as president of Tyonek Native Corp. in Anchorage. Donita is a member of the Native Village of Tyonek and a shareholder of both Tyonek Native

Corp. and CIRI. She is the daughter of the late Fred Slawson from Newburg, Mo., and the late Louise (Chuit) Slawson-Standifer from Tyonek.

John is the son of the late Fred Hensley of Kotzebue and the late Nereid (Nash) Hensley of Point Hope, Alaska. The groom was born and raised in Kotzebue and graduated from Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore., in 1967. He then attended adult vocational training in Inglewood, Calif.'s Western State College of Electrical Engineering. John is a world-renowned Inupiat baleen basket maker, a well-known Alaska Native musician, and the lead guitarist and male vocalist for the Tikahtnu Band. He is a member of the Native Village of Kotzebue and a shareholder of both Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corp. and NANA Regional Corp.

Both Donita and John love writing songs, sharing contemporary gospel/classic rock/country music, taking long walks together, attending church together, and traditional Inupiat and Dena'ina singing and dancing, as well as sharing each other's company.

Image courtesy of David Smith



Frank and Christine Kashevarof holding the induction scroll and the portrait of their dog, Carbon Copy of Horn Creek, which will hang permanently in the Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Retriever Hall of Fame

The field champion black Labrador retriever, Carbon Copy of Horn Creek, owned by CIRI shareholder Frank and Christine Kashevarof of Woodinville, Wash., was inducted into the Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame during ceremonies at Grand Junction, Tenn., on Feb. 7. Affectionately called "Carbon," the dog (now deceased) will join the nearly 200 other inductees housed at the National Bird Dog Museum.

Image courtesy of Debbie Townsend



Lindsay F. Townsend

Air National Guard honors graduate

Lindsay F. Townsend, daughter of CIRI shareholder Debbie and Terry Townsend of Copper Center, Alaska, and a 2006 graduate of Glennallen High School, joined the Air National Guard in May 2008. Lindsay had six weeks at basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where she graduated with honors on Oct. 3, 2008. She spent another six weeks in Biloxi, Miss., enrolled in a human resources training program to learn the technical skills needed by the Air Force. Lindsay was also recognized as a distinguished graduate in tech school. She arrived back in Anchorage in November 2008 and is continuing her college education at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Her parents state, "We are very proud of our daughter's decision and commitment to serving our country."

CIRI needs your help locating shareholder addresses

CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI Shareholder Relations and the U.S. Postal Service of all address changes. The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record with the shareholder relations department, and should fill out the change of address form in this newsletter, at CIRI's offices, or download it at www.ciri.com/shareaddress.cfm. You can also write a letter, signed by the shareholder, which includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and social security number.

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Condolences

JoAnn Comin, 50

JoAnn Comin died Jan. 18 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Comin was born March 6, 1958, in Kiana, Alaska. She is survived by her father, Leo Geffe Jr.; siblings, Fritz, Tom, Leona, Wilson and Conrad Geffe; and many other relatives.

Perry Okie Dimmick, 67

Perry Okie Dimmick died Jan. 23 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Mr. Dimmick was born in Deering, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Alice Dimmick; daughter, Shirley Luddington; son, Darrell Dimmick; granddaughters, Marcella Trefon and Sahra Wolf; grandson, Alx Dimmick; great-granddaughters, Alicia and Elizabeth Potter and Knld Wolf; and great-grandson, Addison Potter.

Minnie Gilbert, 84

Minnie Gilbert died Jan. 17 in Two Rivers, Alaska. Ms. Gilbert was born Oct. 22, 1924, in Anchorage. She was a daughter of the late Peter and Cora (Nicolai) Kallander and

granddaughter of the late Chief Nicolai of Nicolai Village. Ms. Gilbert attended schools in Anchorage. She married Roy C. Gilbert on June 13, 1942, in Anchorage while he was serving in the U.S. Army. Roy preceded her in death on Nov. 28, 1995. Ms. Gilbert is survived by her eight children; Virginia, and her partner, Linda, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Sandra and Leonard Ouradnik, of Mishicot; Gloria and Stephen Zietlow, of Manitowoc; David and Kim Gilbert, of Homer, Alaska; Donald and Teresa Gilbert, of Two Rivers; Bette and Dr. Glenn Popp, of Manitowoc; Linda and Theodore Taddy, of Two Rivers; Theresa and Brian Presl, of Mishicot; 28 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by four sisters; Annie of Portland, Ore., and Fedoria, Virginia and Clara, all of Anchorage; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Edward Bartell Harp, 87

Edward Bartell Harp died Jan. 29, at Orchard Park Nursing Home in Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Harp was born June 7, 1921, in Anchorage.

He is survived by his son, James Harp; and nieces, Lori Fischer and Kim Nystrom.

Timothy Marvin Parker, 68

Timothy Marvin Parker died Dec. 28, 2008, at home in Friday Harbor, Wash. Mr. Parker was born in Knik, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Pamela K. Parker; daughter, Kim S. Parker; sons, Steven D. Parker and T. Scott Parker; and sisters, Ethlyn Williams and Mariann Jordan.

Condolences

Leslie Alfreda Bedard, 39

Charles Goodhope, 72

Madrona Jane Lindgren, 60

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AIC has trucked in more than 600,000 tons of rock material to the road site from the Eklutna gravel pit run by Alaska Aggregate Products, a CIRI and AIC subsidiary. AIC has also hauled off about 300,000 tons of peat waste from the site.

“Nobody else has hauled anything near that amount in the winter on an Anchorage project,” said Luebbert. “The road crosses two designated wetlands, so we had to start construction in the winter to avoid damaging the area.”

AIC broke ground on the project in November 2008. Excavation will conclude in early April. Road construction will run through July; paving could begin in late August. Road lighting, traffic signals and signage will be constructed from May through August. Landscaping will begin in July and conclude the following spring. The projected completion date for the project in July 2010.

“We have a lot of expertise in many different fields. We’ve done state highway work and major heavy civil construction, mining construction and a lot of bridge work,” said Brent Cleaves, AIC’s project manager for the new road. “On a project like this, our capabilities really shine.”

CATC invests in Seward *continued from page 1*

CATC subsidiary Kenai Fjords Tours (KFT), which offers marine day cruises in nearby Kenai Fjords National Park, is based in Seward. KFT had a record year in 2008, carrying more than 100,000 passengers. These passengers began and ended their cruises in Seward, providing a boost to the local economy.

KFT is putting into service a second catamaran this month, the Orca Voyager. The first catamaran, the Aialik Voyager, was brought online the previous season. It has helped KFT cope with rising fuel costs, as it uses 43 percent less fuel than the older monohull boats in KFT’s fleet.

CATC is also building a two-story bunkhouse in Seward to house Kenai Fjords Tours’ seasonal employees. Housing in Seward is expensive; the bunkhouse will provide a stable housing location for the many Alaskans and others who work at Kenai Fjords Tours in the summer. The bunkhouse is within walking distance of the port and is being constructed by local company Harmon Construction. The bunkhouse can house 36 employees, and is already full for the 2009 season.

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