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CIRI wins two Juneau area construction contracts

CIRI/Nabors subsidiary to extend runway at Juneau airport, build tailings facility at Kensington Mine

Alaska Interstate Construction LLC (AIC) recently won two construction contracts in the Juneau area of Southeast Alaska. The company successfully bid for the principal civil and piping contract for the tailings facility at Coeur Alaska’s Kensington Mine. Coeur awarded the contract on Aug. 21. AIC also won a $28.6 million contract to complete runway safety area improvements at Juneau International Airport on Aug. 10.

The tailings facility at Lower Slate Lake is the only remaining construction left before the Kensington Mine can begin gold production. The first phase of the project involves hauling rock from the port area to the tailings facility site. Following that, most of the 80-acre lake will be pumped out to an acceptable level of construction and a temporary dam will be erected so work can begin on a permanent dam. AIC contracted with a local tribal corporation to provide project-specific socio-economic and cultural outreach services.

“After the water is controlled, we’ll start foundation excavation down to bedrock, then start constructing the shot rock dam embankment,” said Brent Cleaves, AIC project manager. “The dam will be approximately 75 to 80 feet high, based on the foundation.”

AIC must also construct a 12-inch welded slurry line to feed tailings into the lake from the mine. The line will be approximately 25,000 feet long. Electrical and fiber optic lines will also be laid alongside the slurry line. The companies estimate the project could conclude in late 2010.

AIC’s successful bid for the Juneau International Airport contract will extend the airport’s runway at both ends, which requires extensive filling and dredging.

AIC will also improve taxiways and lighting, realign an adjacent creek and trail and dredge the float plane pond and build float plane ramps. The project is the largest earthworks project ever undertaken in Juneau.

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A word from the president
Obama Cabinet members tour Alaska
By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

I had the honor of spending time with members of President Obama’s cabinet when they visited Alaska in August as part of the administration’s “Rural Tour.” The Secretaries of Education, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture and Energy visited Alaska simultaneously to learn firsthand about the important roles that their respective departments play in our state.

All four secretaries were refreshingly energetic and capable. Cook Inlet Tribal Council’s Gloria O’Neill and Cook Inlet Housing Authority’s Carol Gore organized events to show Education Secretary Arne Duncan and HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan some of the good works CITC and CIHA are performing with the help of the federal agencies these secretaries now lead. I traveled to Bethel to meet with Steven Chu, the Nobel Prize winning-physicist who now leads the Department of Energy. CIRI’s alternative energy development strategy is well aligned with Secretary Chu’s announced vision for a national energy policy.

I believe it became clear to the secretaries during their visit that Alaska faces many of the same challenges that are testing the rest of the nation, but many of these issues are more pronounced in Alaska because of our state’s vast size, extreme climate and low population density.

Consider energy for example. Alaskans pay some of the nation’s highest energy prices, more than $9 per gallon for fuel in some communities. Fortunately, Alaska has a wealth of energy resources—ranging from oil, gas and coal to alternative and renewable energy resources that include wind, hydro, tidal, geothermal and biofuels. Alaska’s energy prices have climbed so high that it has now become an economic necessity for our state to develop its renewable energy resources.

This fact provides a tremendous opportunity for Alaska to become an alternative and renewable energy research and development test bed for the rest of the nation.

Energy Secretary Chu makes it clear that he thinks it is critical to our national future that we develop alternative and renewable energy resources. He said recently in Time magazine, “[w]hat the U.S. and China do over the next decade will determine the fate of the world.” He went on to say that climate change is causing the move toward alternative energy technologies, and that change is creating incredible economic opportunities.

I agree with Secretary Chu and believe that Alaska’s state leaders must implement responsible energy policies that recognize the integral relationship between energy, the environment and the economy.

Alaska has an opportunity to regain the status it had as our nation’s domestic energy production leader back when North Slope oil was first commercialized. But Alaska leaders must first take the initiative to pursue strategies that commercialize Alaska’s vast, largely untapped, alternative and renewable energy resources. It is a great opportunity—we should seize it.

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CIRI Golf Classic celebrates 25 years
Tournament raises around $100,000 for Alaska youth and education

CIRI hosted its 25th annual CIRI Golf Classic on Aug. 7 at Moose Run Golf Course in Anchorage. Despite the threat of rain, 144 players on 36 teams of four were treated to sunshine as they played in what has become one of Alaska’s premier golf tournaments.

CIRI estimates the tournament raised approximately $100,000 for the Classic’s recipient organizations. CIRI selects as recipients of the tournament’s proceeds nonprofit organizations that focus on Alaska youth and education. The CIRI Golf Classic has raised more than $1.6 million for Alaska education-related programs since its inception in 1983.

CIRI thanks the many generous sponsors of this year’s Classic, especially top sponsors David Green Master Furrier, Doyon Ltd., Marsh Inc., Nabors Industries Ltd., and Peak Oilfield Services Co. CIRI also thanks the many volunteers that made the tournament possible.


CIRI Golf Classic recipients

Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program
The Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) is a program that works with Native American students from the time they are freshmen in high school all the way through graduate school. ANSEP’s goal is to effect a systemic change in the hiring patterns of indigenous Americans in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. ansep.uaa.alaska.edu

The CIRI Foundation
The CIRI Foundation encourages the education and career development of young Alaska Natives through post-secondary scholarships and grants, research and other education projects. The Foundation also produces selected heritage publications and media productions that enhance appreciation and understanding of Alaska Native cultures among all people. www.thecirifoundation.org

Anchorage Schools Foundation
The Anchorage Schools Foundation is a fund administered by the Alaska Community Foundation that provides discretionary funds for school activities and projects that enhance educational and social opportunities for students in the Anchorage School District. The foundation does not fund basic school programs and operating expenditures, but rather seeks to complement public funds and assist with educational activities that the district might not be able to support otherwise. The foundation will receive the Mulligan sale proceeds from the Golf Classic. www.asdk12.org

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Nonprofit News

SCF primary care building to open new wing
Anchorage Native Primary Care Center to open three-story addition on Oct. 6

The new wing of Southcentral Foundation’s (SCF) Anchorage Native Primary Care Center (ANPCC) is set to open on Oct. 6. The new addition under construction is a three-story, 80,000-square foot wing that will house the Family Medicine Clinic and other co-located services. After moving to the new wing from its current location, the Family Medicine Clinic will be known simply as “Primary Care.”

ANPCC’s patient base has doubled from 25,000 to 50,000 people since its first expansion in 2000. To meet customer needs, the Family Medicine Clinic has integrated specialized services into routine appointments. Specialized services like behavioral health consultations that support emotional wellness and dietician consultations for nutritional maintenance are available through clinic appointments. With these changes, SCF hopes to make each patient’s relationship with SCF more convenient and individualized by integrating even more co-located services.

When the Family Medicine Clinic becomes Primary Care, the department will be subdivided into six smaller clinics with design features that will encourage continued relationships between patients and providers. Nearly half of the clinical spaces will be comfortable talking rooms to put the patient and clinical staff on more equal footing for appointments that do not require fully equipped exam rooms. Smaller sized clinics will contribute to the welcoming and personal atmosphere.

SCF’s goal is a comprehensive medical care resource driven by the patient and optimizing personal relationships over time.

Southcentral Foundation is a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit health organization formed in 1982 to serve the health needs of Alaska Natives and American Indians in the CIRI region. The ANPCC is located at 4320 Diplomacy Drive in Anchorage.

In Touch with shareholders

Houston high school graduate
CIRI descendant Nicole Allison graduated from Houston High School in Houston, Alaska, on May 13. Nicole is the daughter of CIRI shareholder John and Susan Allison. She is currently attending the dental assistant training program through Southcentral Foundation.

Baby Payton
Payton Elizabeth Bicchinella was born June 12 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Her parents are CIRI descendant Katie and Josh Bicchinella, and her proud grandparents are CIRI shareholder John and Susan Allison.

National youth medical program
CIRI descendant Mariah Huhndorf, a student at Kenai Central High School, participated in the 12th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) program held in Washington D.C. this summer sponsored by the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP).

AAIP sponsors this program to educate and encourage more Native American students into health professions. The students were taken on field trips that included tours of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Minority Health and George Washington University School of Medicine. NNAYI was created in 1998 to increase the number of American Indian/Alaska Native students entering health professions and biomedical research. Mariah is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Stan and Susan Huhndorf.

Baby Tyler
Fifth generation CIRI descendant Tyler Adam Kroto was born July 7 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 6 pounds, 11.2 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Tyler joins mother Sabrina L. Kroto; proud grandparents, CIRI shareholder Sheila A. and Ed Moore, and Hayden R. Kroto; great-grandparents CIRI shareholder Basil and Mary Allowan, CIRI shareholder Marie Allowan, CIRI shareholder Violet and the late Adam Kroto; and great-great-grandmothers, CIRI shareholders Sophie Chiiut and Polly Goozmer.

Bartlett high school graduates
Rachel and Richard Martins-Smith graduated May 12 from Bartlett High School in Anchorage. Parents Bennie and CIRI shareholder Thelma Smith are very proud of their accomplishment and pray for their success in furthering their education.

Medical assistant graduate
CIRI shareholder Christina Omelak recently graduated from the Career Academy in Anchorage as a national certified medical assistant. She states, “Thanks to my mom, Phoebe Omelak for her support throughout the school year, and thanks to The CIRI Foundation and the IDA program.”

Christine Omelak with Career Academy owners, Don and Jennifer Deitz

North Carolina high school graduate
CIRI descendent Christopher B. Callander graduated from Jack Britt High School on June 11 in Fayetteville, N.C. He is the son of CIRI shareholder Lori L. and Mark Anderson, presently of North Carolina, and Kevin and Denise Callander of Anchorage. He is the grandson of James L. Lindgren of Kenai and Sue Godwin of North Carolina and great-grandson of Sara F. Lindgren.

West high school graduate
CIRI descendent Richard Charles Pomeroy graduated from West High School in Anchorage in May 2009. He will attend Soldotna Christian College in fall 2009. Richard is the son of CIRI shareholder Christine Omelak and the grandson of Phoebe Omelak.
Deadline nears for TCF vocational training and career upgrade grants

Fall grant applications due by Sept. 30

The CIRI Foundation’s (TCF) fall deadline for vocational training and career upgrade grants is Sept. 30. Original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants are eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled part-time in a degree-seeking program or full or part-time in a vocational training or technical skills program at an accredited institution. Up to $4,500 per calendar year can be awarded through these grants.

The Tyonek Native Corp. Scholarship and Grant Program and the Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program are also administered by TCF and have upcoming Sept. 30 deadlines for their vocational training, career upgrade and other grants.

The Tyonek Native Corp. (TNC) program offers vocational training and career upgrade grants for original enrollees of TNC, their direct lineal descendants and tribal members of the Native Village of Tyonek. Applicants apply using TCF’s 2009 Scholarship and Grant Application available on the TCF Web site, www.thecirifoundation.org.

The Eklutna Inc. program offers vocational training, career upgrade, general/cultural fellowship and urgent needs, and early childhood/K-12 development grants. Eklutna Inc. original enrollees and their lineal descendants are eligible to apply for the grants. The Eklutna grant amounts are shown below. The urgent needs grants do not have application deadlines. Please note – the Eklutna program requires a separate application also available on TCF’s Web site.

Vocational or Career Upgrade Grant Up to $1,000 per calendar year
General or Cultural Fellowship Up to $500 per calendar year
Early Childhood and K-12 Development Grant Up to $500 per calendar year

Urgent Needs Grant Up to $500 per calendar year

For more information, visit www.thecirifoundation.org or call (907) 793-3575 or toll free at (800) 764-3382. Late applications received after the Sept. 30 deadline will not be considered.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council seeks Native education committee applicants

Parents of Alaska Native/American Indian children in Anchorage schools encouraged to apply

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) seeks parents of Alaska Native and American Indian students enrolled in the Anchorage School District to fill two vacancies on the CITC-JOM Native Education Committee. Parents who have a strong interest in culturally appropriate education opportunities for Native students should consider applying for this committee.

The committee, as required by federal law, provides oversight and direction to the JOM funds that CITC receives each year for use in the Anchorage School District.

JOM funds currently provide supplementary financial assistance to meet the unique and specialized educational needs of Alaska Native children in CITC’s middle school programs within the Anchorage School District. The focus of JOM is to increase Native student academic achievement and retention in school and facilitate a closer relationship between the students, home, and school while promoting the cultural pride of Native youth.

Contact Lydia L. Hays, Ed.D., CITC-JOM administrator, at (907) 793-3404 or lhays@ciric.org to apply or for more information.

Help CIRI update 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 of any changes to the contact information. 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/content/shareholders/change.aspx. 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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Shareholder/descendant-owned business

CIRI shareholder Sheila Ezelle, Laura Wright’s granddaughter, bought Laura Wright Alaskan Parkys in 1985 and continues to satisfy the needs of people who want not just warmth and durability, but a beautiful garment backed with the family tradition of quality workmanship.

“I have been making parkys since I could stretch and reach the pedal on a sewing machine,” said Ezelle. “My grandma taught me pride in my work along with honor and respect for my heritage and culture. I like creating beautiful coats.”

Laura Wright Alaskan Parkys has ready-made summer and winter parkys. Sheila also makes custom parkys – customers can choose colors, trims, furs and fabrics. Sheila participates in several holiday events and bazaars. Customers can call for schedules.

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E-mail info@ciric.org or call (907) 263-5146 to submit your shareholder-owned business information.
William Harley Lindstrom, 68
William Harvey Lindstrom died March 7 at home in Grapevine, Texas. Mr. Lindstrom was born Feb. 17, 1941, in Unalakleet, Alaska. He is survived by his daughter, Diane Abbott; son, Todd Lindstrom; sister, Irma Graham; and brother, Buddy Lindstrom.

Walter Savok Outwater Jr., 51
Walter Savok Outwater Jr. died July 24 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Outwater was born March 1, 1958, in Koyuk, Alaska. He is survived by his sisters and their husbands, Theresa Pierce, Loretta and Skip Cox, Evelyn’s husband Robert MacNeven, Clara and Tom Varieur, Peggy and Tim Turner, Martha and partner Rahn Parker; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Sandy Outwater; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Judith L. Petterson, 64
Judith L. Petterson died June 23 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. Ms. Petterson was born July 4, 1944, in Anchorage. She is survived by her husband, Ralph J. Petterson; daughters, Marilyn C. Wilson and Cynthia G. Petterson; son, Robert D. Towne; grandchildren, Joseph Towne and Jaret, Savannah and Sage Wilson; brothers, Leonard and Dexter Ogle and Frederick Elsvaas Jr.; nieces, Dawn, Cindy and Alaina Ogle, Amber West and Paula Elsvaas; and nephews, Hoyt and Kenneth Ogle, John West and Frederick “Bear” Elsvaas Jr.

Violet Vivian Stromberg, 63
Violet Vivian Stromberg died Aug. 6 at home in Guthrie, Okla. Ms. Stromberg was born April 12, 1946, in Anchorage. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Arnold Stromberg; son and his wife, Raymond and Melissa Catron; daughter and her husband, Cynthia and Ahmed Anouar; step-daughters, Christy McWilliams and her husband Jason and Shari Madani and her husband Omar; fourteen grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; sister, Myrlie Miller and her husband Ora and family; brothers, Thomas Garrett Jr. and his wife JoAnn and family, Calvin Garrett and his wife, Robert Ratcliff and his wife Sharrri and family; and many nieces and nephews.

Condolences

Kenneth Clayton Bahr, 70
Samuel Black Sr., 75

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CIRI Shareholder News

CIRI seeks award nominations

Submit nominations by Friday, Sept. 18

CIRI is seeking nominations for its 2009 Shareholder of the Year Award and Alaska Federation of Natives President’s Awards. Nominations must be submitted to CIRI by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18.

CIRI’s Shareholder of the Year Award recognizes shareholders who have shown dedication to Alaska Native culture, heritage and communities. CIRI considers both shareholder accomplishments and contributions to Alaska Natives when choosing a Shareholder of the Year. The award will be presented at a CIRI Friendship Potlatch this fall. Only CIRI shareholders or descendants may submit nominations.

AFN President’s Awards spotlight Alaska Natives who have excelled in one of 11 categories of achievement: Culture Bearer, Della Keats “Healing Hands,” Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education, Elder of the Year, Health, Hunter-Fisher, Parents of the Year, Public Service, Roger Lang Youth Leadership, Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement and Small Business. CIRI is seeking recommendations for its formal nominations to AFN. The awards will be presented at the 2009 AFN Convention at the Dena’ina Civic & Convention Center in Anchorage.

For award criteria and applications, go online to CIRI’s Web site, www.ciri.com, and click on the “Awards Nominations” box. E-mail info@ciri.com or call (907) 263-5146 with questions or concerns.

Theodore wins August Stock Will prize

Vincent Theodore won the August 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.