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November 26, 2008 – Fairbanks, Alaska – Colin Craven has joined the Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) as Product Testing Director. Craven will establish the Product Testing and Development Lab at the CCHRC Research and Testing Facility (RTF) at 1000 Fairbanks Street in Fairbanks.

The Product Testing Lab will allow CCHRC to expand its ability to conduct research on the energy efficiency, effectiveness and durability of a wide variety of home products, from foam insulation to HVAC (“heating, ventilating and air conditioning”) systems. It will be the only lab of its kind in the North. Products that pass the rigorous testing protocols at the lab will earn a “Certified Alaska Tough” rating, a registered trademark of CCHRC. Beginning in mid-2009, the lab will also be available to outside organizations who wish to conduct their own testing.

Craven will spend the next few months establishing lab protocols and outfitting it with testing equipment. “We expect the lab to be up and running by January of 2009,” said Jack Hébert, President of CCHRC. “Colin’s testing experience and his knowledge of the Northern environment is a great addition to CCHRC, and will really make it possible to help get Northern-suited products circulating in Alaska.”

Most recently, Craven was an Environmental Program Manager at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Contaminated Sites Program in Fairbanks, a post he held beginning in 2006. From 2004 to 2006, he was an Environmental Program Specialist at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Before that, he worked as a geologist specializing in environmental remediation and assessment. He earned his Master’s of Science, Geochemistry, and a Multidisciplinary Certificate in Geohydrology, from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2000.

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