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Promote the use of sustainable building practices in rural Alaska communities

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At the Denali Commission's June quarterly meeting held in Fairbanks on June 4 and 5, 2009, George Cannelos, Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission and Jack Hebert, President/CEO of the Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) established a working relationship in recognition of a mutual interest in developing and promoting the use of sustainable building practices in rural Alaskan communities.

The CCHRC is an industry-based, non-profit corporation created to facilitate the development, use and testing of energy-efficient, durable, healthy, and cost-effective building technologies for Alaska and the world's cold climate regions. The Denali Commission is an independent federal agency designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and support for economic development in Alaska. Together these entities commit to initiatives focused on research and analysis, communication, and project demonstration and implementation, with the goals of refining services delivered by the Federal government and promoting sustainable, energy efficient, affordable and healthy building in Alaska.

"The Denali Commission has supported incorporating green design efforts in our infrastructure projects. Partners like Cold Climate Housing Research Center can better focus the Commission's efforts on this important initiative," stated George Cannelos, the Federal Co-Chair of the Denali Commission. "The Denali Commission has led the way in alternative-renewable energy projects by initiating the state's first state-wide request for proposals for alternative-renewable energy projects. This initiative furthers that effort."

"Alaskans, working together, can create a bright and sustainable future. By aligning mutual goals and pooling our strengths, CCHRC and the Denali Commission will combine the expertise of both organizations to enhance joint efforts across Alaska. All of us at CCHRC are looking forward to a productive relationship with the Denali Commission. We know this partnership will benefit all the people of this great state," stated Jack Hebert, President/CEO of CCHRC.

The Denali Commission and CCHRC look forward to working together to broaden the use of sustainable and affordable practices in buildings and infrastructure throughout Alaska. CCHRC is currently pursuing these goals in part through its Sustainable Northern Shelter Program, Research and Testing Facility, and the Hybrid Micro-Energy Project. The Commission is also actively implementing these lessons, such as pursuing innovative health clinic designs and implementing renewable energy solutions including

wind, hydro, geothermal, and woody biomass. The individual missions of both organizations complement each other and, where they overlap, the strengths of each will be utilized in joint efforts.

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If you would like information about this topic or would like to schedule an interview with George Cannelos, please contact Sharon Lind or Valerie Boyd at the Denali Commission.

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