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Re: Public Records Request Response  
Our file: 663-99-0126

Pursuant to your September 14, 2008 letter addressed to Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Deputy Commissioner Christine Klein, and pursuant to your October 6, 2008 e-mail addressed to me clarifying the September 14 letter, enclosed are all responsive documents. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Regards,

TALIS J. COLBERG  
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Enclosures

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2008 10:00 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** A Labor Day Message from Governor Sarah Palin

Dear state employees,

As we take the opportunity at the end of our Alaskan summer to spend time with friends and family members this Labor Day, I want to thank you, the hard-working employees of the State of Alaska, for your service. We honor and celebrate your achievements and dedication, and we thank you for all you do to support the needs of your fellow Alaskans. Enjoy a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Governor Sarah Palin

**Klein, Christine E (DOT)**

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2008 4:39 PM  
**To:** SOA All employees  
**Subject:** Putting Alaska First - April/May 2008

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April-May 2008

**AGIA Public Forum**

May 28-30 in Anchorage



The Gasline team will hold a three-day AGIA Findings Public Forum May 28-30 at the Anchorage Sheraton for the public and Alaska legislators.

The team will provide a detailed review of the analysis by the commissioners of Natural Resources and Revenue of TransCanada's proposal to build a gasline, and whether it sufficiently maximizes the benefits to Alaskans and deserves a state AGIA license and incentives. Important state benefits include creating jobs, generating revenue, and encouraging development of Alaska's gas resources through open access.

Topics at the Forum will include an analysis of how to expedite a project, the potential state costs and benefits of both pipeline and liquefied natural gas project scenarios, the potential profits, and other factors associated with any development decision.

Presenters will include national

## **SHORT-TERM ENERGY PLAN**

### **GOVERNOR'S PLAN WOULD RETURN SURPLUS TO RESOURCE OWNERS**

Governor Sarah Palin rolled out a short-term energy plan May 15 to address the skyrocketing costs of energy in Alaska. The package includes two parts – returning surplus funds through a grant to all electric utilities to reduce ratepayer bills and an Energy Debit Card for the next 12 months.

"Alaskans are feeling the pinch of high energy costs," she said. "The state treasury is swelling, while family checkbooks are evaporating. The right thing to do is to return surplus monies to the resource owners through energy relief. Instead of going to Washington, D.C. for relief, Alaskans should be independent enough to take care of this energy problem ourselves."

The Energy Debit Card will go out to every qualifying Permanent Fund Dividend applicant. The benefit will be \$100 per month per PFD recipient the amount allocated for children's benefits will accrue to the card of the sponsor on their PFD application. Money not used on the card one month will carry over to the next month. It is expected that the amount available to individuals through the card will be considered income by the IRS. The temporary Energy Debit Card can be used for purchases from Alaska energy vendors, such as heating oil distributors, natural gas utilities, gas stations and other retail fueling stations.



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Short-Term Energy Relief Plan

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Short-Term Energy Plan Press Conference

## **GOVERNOR SIGNS LEGISLATION**

### **CREATES PURPLE HEART TRAIL, MAKES ALASKA'S SKIES SAFER & SAFEGUARDS SENIORS**

A bill signed by Governor Sarah Palin designates the Alaska Highway from Fairbanks to the Canadian border as part of the nationwide "Purple Heart Trail." Included in the trail is the Black Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Gerstle River, which honors the

and international experts in natural gas and gasoline economics, engineering, finance, law, construction, marketing and transportation, the commissioners and other state officials.

Call 269-8426 to reserve presentation materials. There is no cost for anyone to attend the Forum and it will be broadcast on the "Gavel to Gavel" statewide public cable TV channel. For more information, visit the AGIA website [www.gov.state.ak.us/agia](http://www.gov.state.ak.us/agia).

## Budget Update

Governor Sarah Palin, commissioners and staff are currently reviewing the operating and capital budget bills that passed during the 90-day legislative session. The Governor has the authority to reduce or veto items in the budgets prior to signing them into law. The capital budget totals \$3 billion and contains more than 900 projects that were added by the legislature. The Governor's final action on the capital budget, SB 221, is due by May 23. Final action on the operating budget, HB 310, mental health operating and capital budget, HB 312 and the general obligation bond bill containing transportation projects, HB 314, is due on May 24.

## 'Change Stereotypes to End Violence'

"Celebrating and honoring Alaska Native women can do much to change the stereotypes, change the mindset that affects how we respond to the violence that many face," Governor Palin told attendees at the Alaska Native Justice Group's "Building Momentum" conference at the Anchorage Hilton on April 28. "I honor and celebrate the brave leadership Representative Nelson displayed as she issued a challenge to her colleagues in the legislature, to the media and to all Alaskans. Representative Nelson used



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Purple Heart Trail Address

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Capstone Avionics Bill Address

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Older Americans Month Event

segregated battalions that helped build the highway. Palin signed the bill on Saturday, May 3 at Mountain View's Northland VFW Post #10252. The Governor was joined by a mostly veteran crowd of about 100 that also included Sen. Johnny Ellis, Rep. Berta Gardner, Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom, Rep. Bob Lynn and Rep. Max Gruenberg. Ron Siebels, who was recently named Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Alaska, presented the Governor with a Purple Heart pin and a Purple Heart plaque.

The Governor signed the Capstone Avionics bill, SB 249, which will provide low-interest loans through the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for Alaska airplane owners to purchase state-of-the-art safety equipment. Alaska has the highest number of pilots per capita of any state – about one in 78 – and the highest aviation accident rates, three to four times higher than the national average. Nearly 2,000 aviation enthusiasts packed the Anchorage FedEx Hangar for the May 3 ceremonial event, including Transportation Commissioner Leo von Scheben, Alaska Airmen's Association President Joe Pearson and Aircraft Carriers Association President Wilfred Ryan.

Governor Palin joined 200 of Alaska's seniors at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center to issue a proclamation designating May 2008 as "Older Americans Month." During the May 1 ceremony, the Governor also signed three bills: SB 101 assists adults in need of guardianship and works to protect the rights and possessions of these vulnerable adults, many of whom are senior citizens; SB 209 extends the Alaska Commission on Aging; and SB 243 modifies statutes regarding the role of the Commission.

## BIKERS BLESSING

Governor Sarah Palin presented a proclamation to more than 600 bikers designating May 2008 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" at the Anchorage Bike Blessing on May 3 in the downtown Park Strip. The proclamation said that in 80-90 percent of all accidents involving a motorcycle, it is the other motorist's fault and urged motorists to use caution when they are near motorcyclists. The Governor wished the bikers safe and happy rides.



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Motorcycle Awareness Month

## HOMECOMING

In a May 1 ceremony at Fort Richardson, Governor Sarah Palin welcomed home about 180 Alaska Army National Guard soldiers of Bravo Company, 297th Support Battalion who spent six months serving as security forces based out of Camp Anaconda, Iraq. The soldiers are from Southcentral Alaska, Juneau, Bethel, Nome and Fairbanks. "You have shown incredible courage in the face of the enemy during

her well-chosen words to build a bridge leading to progress – and now it is up to us to cross it." The event focused on improving the response to and attitudes towards violence targeting Native Alaskan women.

## 2008 Denali Award Winners

Governor Palin announced this year's recipients of the annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards. The awards recognize State employees who demonstrate a commitment to building and maintaining a culture of superior customer service, exceptional individual and team performance and excellence in leadership for the State of Alaska Executive Branch and the citizens of Alaska. Winners were selected out of hundreds of nominations submitted by co-workers. The 2008 winners are:

### Co-Worker Recognition:

Tina Cunning,  
*Department of Fish and Game*

### Customer Service Individual:

Nora Firmin,  
*Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs*

### Customer Service Team:

David Verbrugge,  
Eileen Nicholoff and  
Marina Oberst,  
*Analytical Toxicology Group  
Department of Public Safety*

### Exceptional Performance Individual:

Annette Ge Smith  
*Department of Revenue*

### Exceptional Performance Team:

Sgt. Bryan Barlow and  
Melvin Nading,  
*Alaska State Troopers Helo I  
Team  
Department of Public Safety*

### Leadership Award:

Katie Tepass,  
*Department of Public Safety*



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Governor Welcomes Soldiers Home



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Welcome Home Alaska ANG

the most dangerous deployment of the Alaska Army National Guard," the Governor told the troops. "Thank you for all that you have done, and for the sacrifices you and your families have made in order to secure our freedom and safety."

During their deployment, the soldiers earned four Bronze Stars for Valor, 21 Bronze Stars for Service, two Army Commendation Medals for Valor, 62 Army Commendation Medals for Service, six Purple Hearts and 79 Army Achievement Medals for Service.

## ENERGY PLAN OVERVIEW

The Alaska Energy Authority announced 28 Energy Plan Town Hall meetings across Alaska from Barrow to Ketchikan. Alaskans will hear presentations by teams of representatives from AEA, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, and the Denali Commission.

"I don't need to tell you what today's high energy costs are doing to every single Alaskan," said Alaska Energy Coordinator Steve Haagenson, in an open letter to Alaskans. "Each one of us in every area of our state feels the impact. In some areas, the cost of energy has produced near crisis circumstances. I'm here to do something about it, to get us beyond the talking points, beyond the planning stage and into rapid deployment of solutions."

The Town Hall meetings will focus on developing local energy resources. Comments may also be e-mailed to [energycoordinator@aidea.org](mailto:energycoordinator@aidea.org) or mailed to the Alaska Energy Authority, Steve Haagenson, 813 West Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99503. More information on the Alaska Energy Plan and updates to the Town Hall meeting schedule are available at [www.akenergyauthority.org](http://www.akenergyauthority.org).

### Energy Town Hall Meetings

- Unalaska: May 20, 4-8 PM, The Grand Aleutian Hotel, Makushin Room
- Sand Point: May 20 (time and location to be announced)
- Kodiak: May 22, 4-8 PM, Kodiak College
- Juneau: May 27, 5-9 PM, Centennial Hall Ballroom 1
- Ketchikan: May 28 (time and location to be announced)
- Wrangell: May 28, 4-8 PM, City Hall, Council Chambers
- Fort Yukon: May 28, 2-6 PM, Tribal Hall
- Craig: May 29 (time and location to be announced)
- Kake: May 29, 4-8 PM, Community Hall Gym
- Barrow: June 2 (time and location to be announced)
- Glennallen: June 3 (time and location to be announced)
- Anchorage: June 4 (time and location to be announced)

## STATE PORTAL WWW.ALASKA.GOV ADDS NEW VISITOR PAGE

A new visitor webpage will guide those seeking information about Alaska into an extensive network of travel resources. The site will provide visitors and residents detailed information on:

VISIT STATE OF ALASKA



- Alaska communities throughout the state
- "New to Alaska" relocation links
- Detailed topographic maps as well as highways, roads and Alaska Marine Highway routes
- Current road conditions
- Alaska facts and history
- Alaska employment opportunities

The website is available on the state's main webpage under the Visitor tab at [www.alaska.gov](http://www.alaska.gov).



Until next time,

Governor Sarah Palin

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2008 3:49 PM  
**To:** Klein, Christine (DOT sponsored)  
**Subject:** note

Thanks for the note. Look forward to meeting you when I am in Anchorage.  
Hope things work out for the best in the future.

Mike

10/07/2008