

# Alaska Energy Authority Policy Overview

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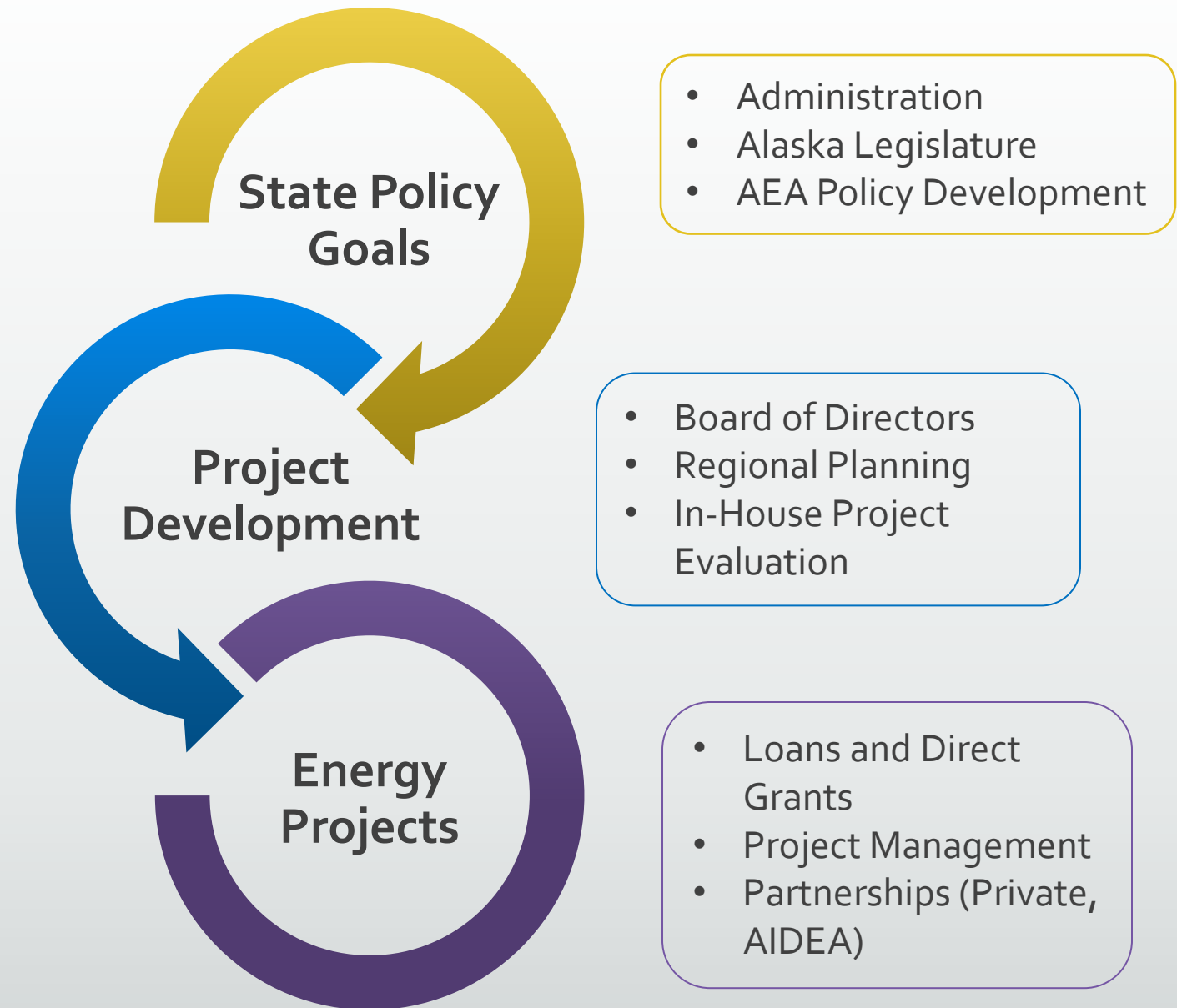
# Reducing the Cost of Energy

- Investing in Alaska's Energy Infrastructure
- Diversifying Alaska's Energy Portfolio
- Energy Planning and Policy
- Technical and Community Assistance



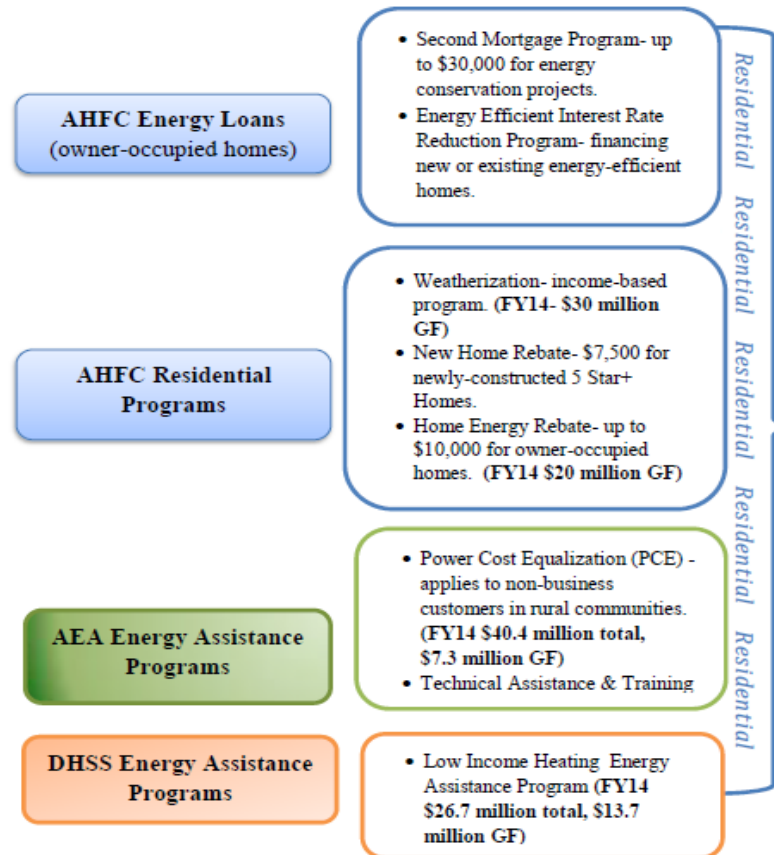


# Pathway from Policy to Projects



# State of Alaska Energy Programs: Serving the needs of Alaska's residential and commercial energy users

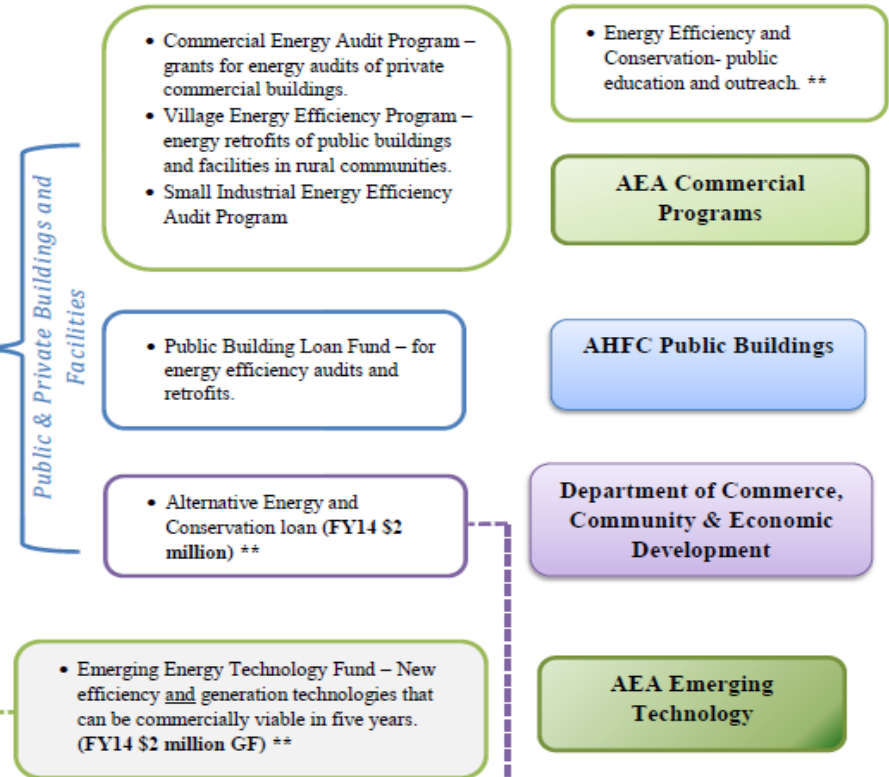
## Residential Programs



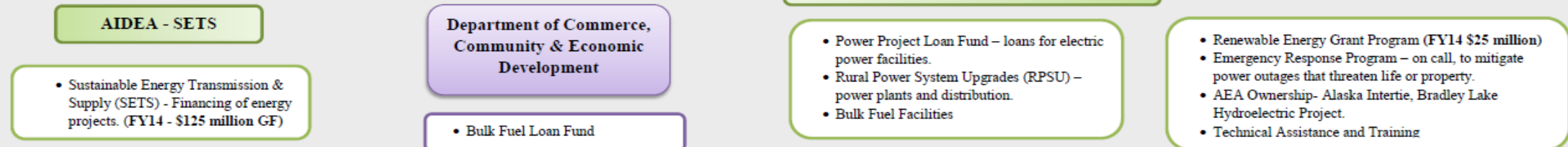
## In-State Energy Use



## Public and Private Sector Program



## SUPPLY – Energy Generation



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\* Source: Energy Information Authority

\*\* Note that some programs do not fall within specific categories - Public outreach and education serves both the commercial and residential markets and Emerging Technology and the Alternative Energy and Conservation loan serve both generation and efficiency

# Energy Policy Development and Coordination

- Serve as lead on Alaska's energy policy development
- Monitor State energy goals
- Coordinate multi-agency efforts
- Deputy Director for Statewide Energy Policy Development
- In-House Evaluation Team
  - Sara Fisher-Goad- management team lead
  - Gene Therriault- policy
  - Nick Szymoniak- economics
  - Kirk Warren- engineering



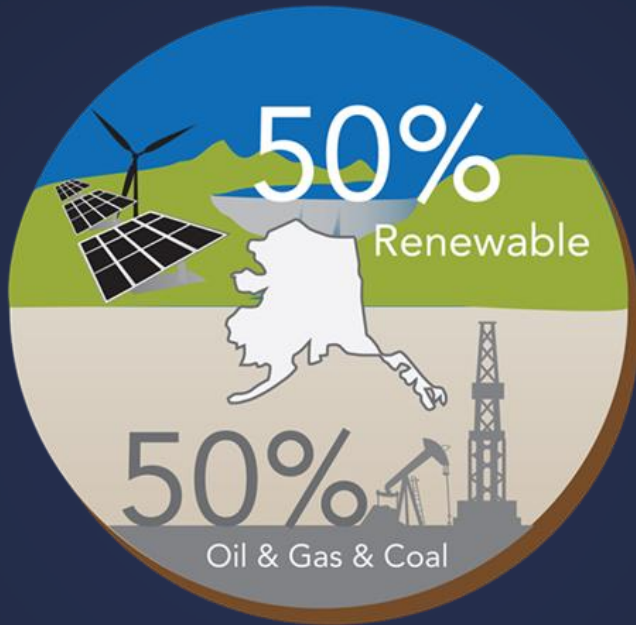




# Renewable and Emerging Energy

## Renewable Energy Fund

- State Goal: 50% renewable electricity by 2025
- HB 152 (2008) authorized AEA to manage program, reauthorized in 2012
- Provides consistent vetting mechanism for individual capital projects
- By 2016, 12.3 million gallons of diesel and natural gas equivalent will be displaced annually. Results: \$45 million in annual savings



## Emerging Energy Technology Fund

- SB 220 (2010) created fund
- Leveraged Federal funds
- Can provide consistent vetting mechanism for emerging energy technologies (renewable, fossil fuels, efficiencies)
- Not a research fund, projects must be commercially viable within 5 years

## Improve Energy Efficiency 15 % by 2020



# Energy Efficiency and Conservation

- State Goal: improve efficiency 15% by 2020
- AEA's focus is on commercial buildings, rural public buildings, industrial facilities and electrical efficiency
- Statewide outreach and education
- Support for multi-stakeholder group, Alaska Energy Efficiency Partnership [AKEnergyEfficiency.org](http://AKEnergyEfficiency.org)
- Coordination between State agencies
- \$1,534,062 and 282,938 diesel equivalent gallons in projected savings
- Average immediate savings of implemented efficiency measures: \$0.29 cents/ \$1 invested, 300% ROI after 10 years



# Rural Energy Infrastructure



*St. George*

## Assessing Community Needs

- Assessment of Community Power System
- Fuel Delivery System
- Are lower-cost energy sources available?
  - Renewable energy
  - Fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, etc.?)
  - Transmission
- Community capacity to maintain the infrastructure
- Is there potential for economic development?

# Supporting Regional Solutions



*St. Mary's*

## Regional Energy Planning

- No one energy plan for Alaska
- Energy Pathways led to regional planning
- Strategy to address unique challenges while capitalizing on regional resources
- Locally driven and community-vetted blueprint for sustainability
- Objective to provide specific, actionable recommendations
- Includes electric, heat and transportation energy
- Previous Plans: Railbelt Integrated Resources Plan and Southeast Integrated Resources Plan



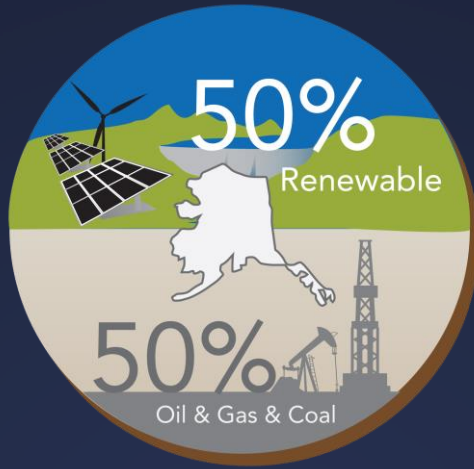


# Current Regional Plan Contracts

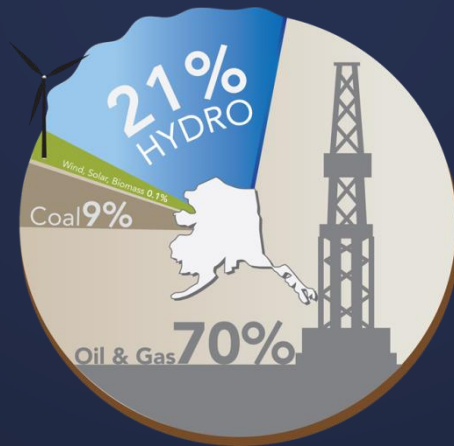


*Regional Planning Group*

- **Ahtna Region** (Copper Valley Development Association)
- **Aleut Region** (Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC))
- **Bering Straits Region** (Bering Straits Development Council)
- **Bristol Bay Region** (SWAMC)
- **Calista Region** (Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative)
- **NANA Region** (Northwest Arctic Borough Economic Development Commission)
- **Doyon Region** (Direct grant to Tanana Chiefs Conference from the Denali Commission )
- Working with Chugach, Kodiak and Arctic Slope Regions



State Energy Goal



Alaska's Energy Picture

# Why Susitna-Watana Hydro

- Serves ~80% of state's population
- 1,000 jobs during peak construction
- Stable electricity rates for 100+ years
- Long-term diversification
- Clean, reliable energy source
- Promotes integration of variable power sources

# Interior Energy Plan

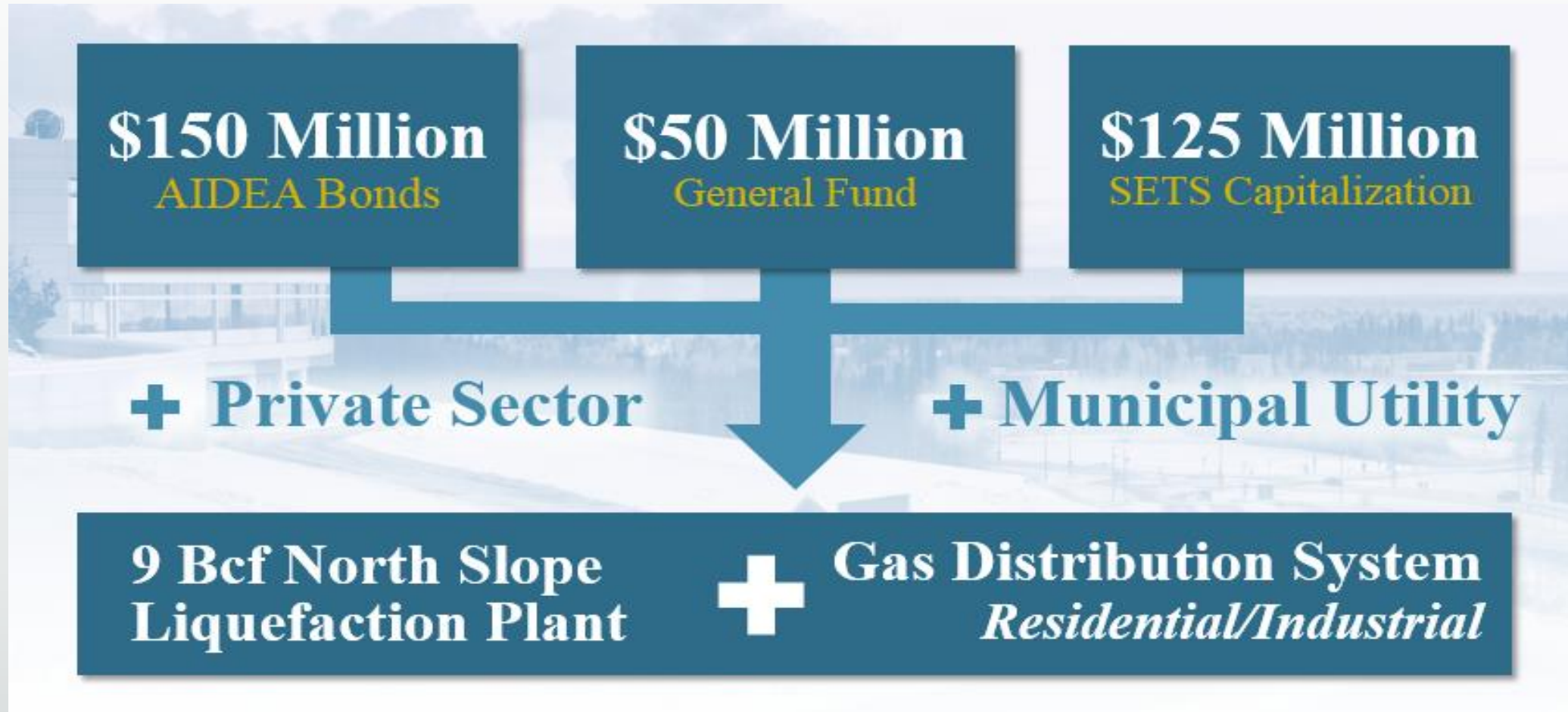
- Opportunity to provide Alaskans with low-cost North Slope natural gas and propane
- Governor's finance package acts as a catalyst, bringing together LNG and propane customers with the private entities that will construct and operate the system
- AIDEA is investigating project feasibility and will only utilize their authorized finance tools if the project makes economic sense
- AIDEA will take an equity stake in project but will not outright build or operate the LNG plant or distribution system
- Governor's finance package is targeted at funding the initial capacity with future expansion funded by private/community investment



# Interior Energy Plan: Project Goals

- Provide lowest-cost energy to Interior Alaska consumers as soon as possible
- Get gas first to the Interior while assuring long-term access to gas and propane from liquefaction plant for all Alaskans
- Utilize private sector mechanisms as much as possible

# Governor's Finance Package



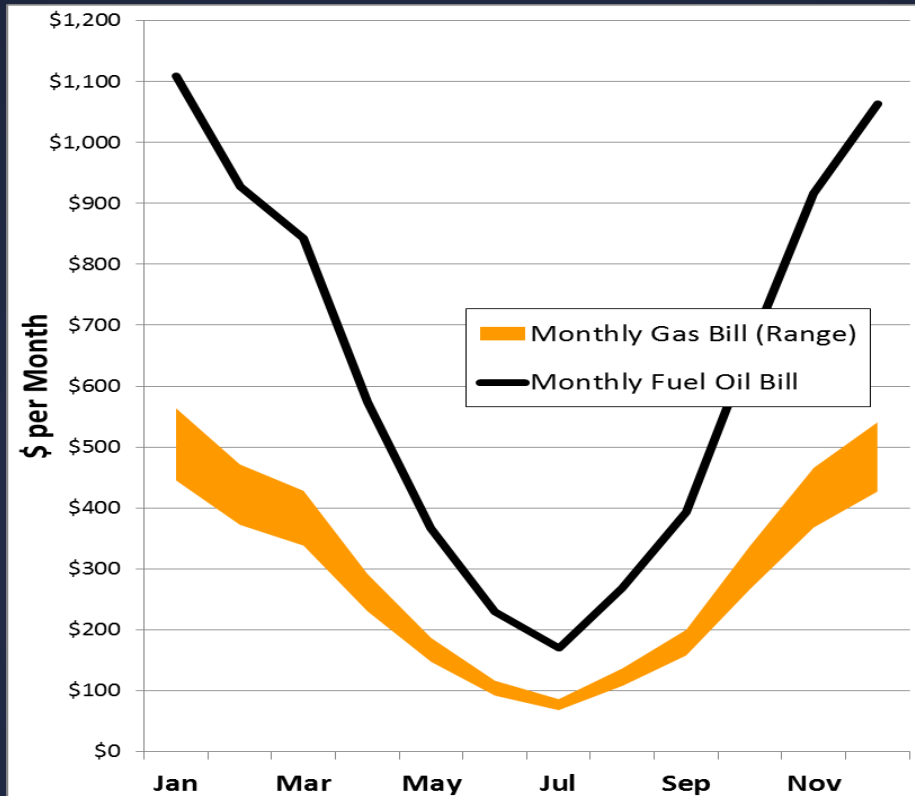
# Household Heating Savings

## Typical Home Heating Savings

- \$2,900 - \$3,750 annually
- 43% - 55% reduction in cost

## Key Assumptions

- Typical Interior Alaska household will use 225 Mcf of gas per year (equivalent to 1,700 gallons of fuel oil)
- Does not account for expected improvement in heating efficiency with natural gas





# Energy Policy Issues

- Developing State Resources on State Lands
- Can the State facilitate access to resources?
- Southeast Alaska Power Agency Call for Power
  - Looking for new sources of power
  - Allows all potential providers to participate in the discussion
  - AEA letter of support
- Open Access to Alaska Intertie
  - Alaska Intertie Agreement amended and restated Nov. 18, 2011
  - All potential users shall be provided access under common terms and conditions
  - Railbelt utilities to provide open access methodology July 1, 2013
- Unified Railbelt Transmission System

[AKEnergyAuthority.org](http://AKEnergyAuthority.org)

