#### Alaska Energy Authority Agency Overview

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# AEA's mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska

#### **Alaska Energy Authority Activity Quadrants**

Rural Programs/Services

Rural Projects/ Infrastructure

Urban Programs/Services

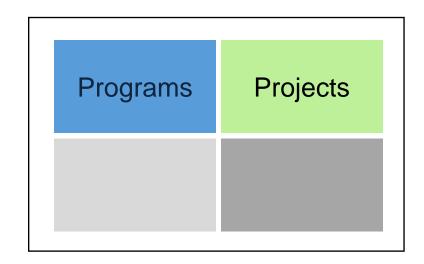
Urban Projects/ Infrastructure



#### Presentation Order

- 1. Rural programs/services and projects
- 2. Power Cost Equalization overview
- 3. Urban/Statewide programs and projects
- 4. Railbelt assets, management coordination, and planning





### 1. Rural Programs/Services & Projects



#### Rural Programs/Services

- PCE utility clerk training
- Utility operator training
- Technical assistance utility operators
- Circuit rider
- Electrical emergency response\*
- Power Cost Equalization (PCE)
- Power Project Fund loans (PPF)
- Technical assistance technology areas
- Energy policy lead



Programs

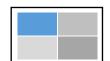
<sup>\*</sup>Though a recurring service this is funded by capital budget authorization

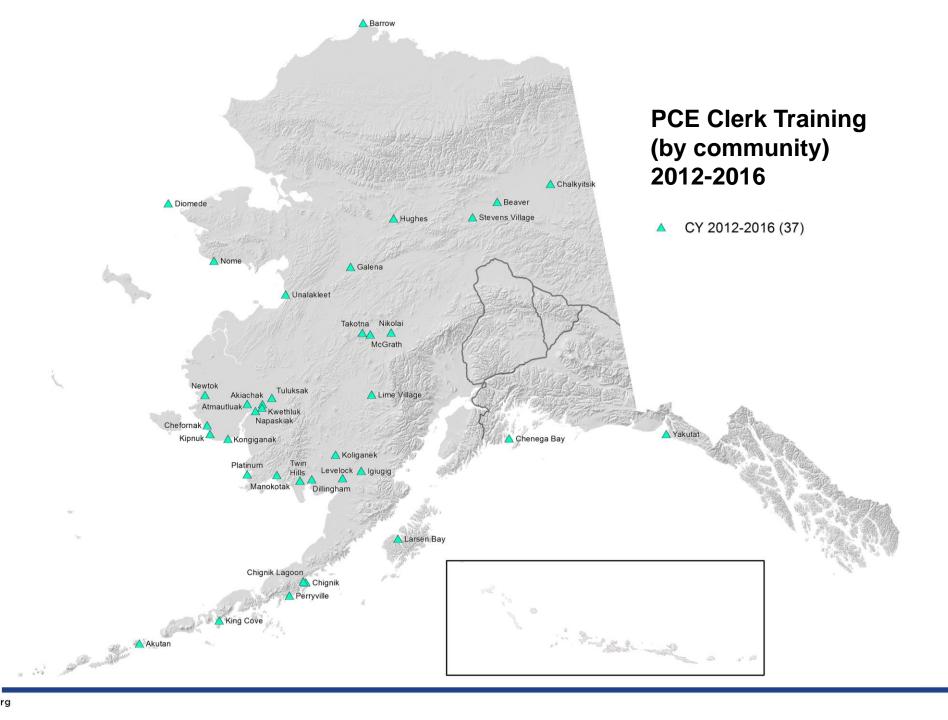
#### Rural Projects/Infrastructure

- Rural Power System Upgrades
- Bulk Fuel Tank Farms
- End-use Efficiency
- Hydroelectric Power
- Biomass
- Heat Recovery
- Wind
- Energy Planning
- Renewable Energy Grant Fund
- Emerging Energy Technology Grant Fund

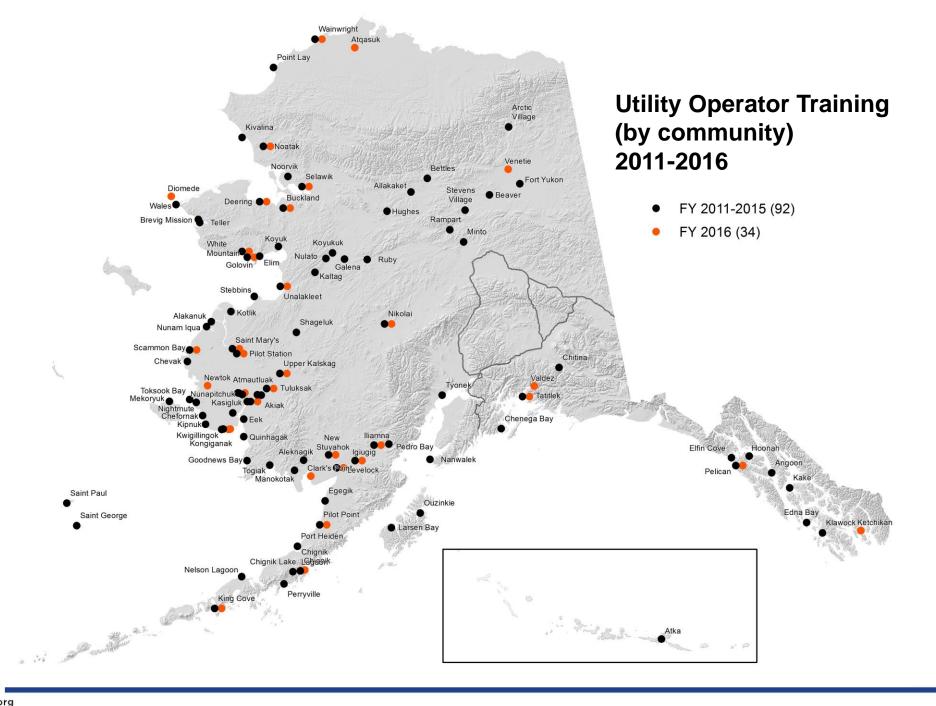






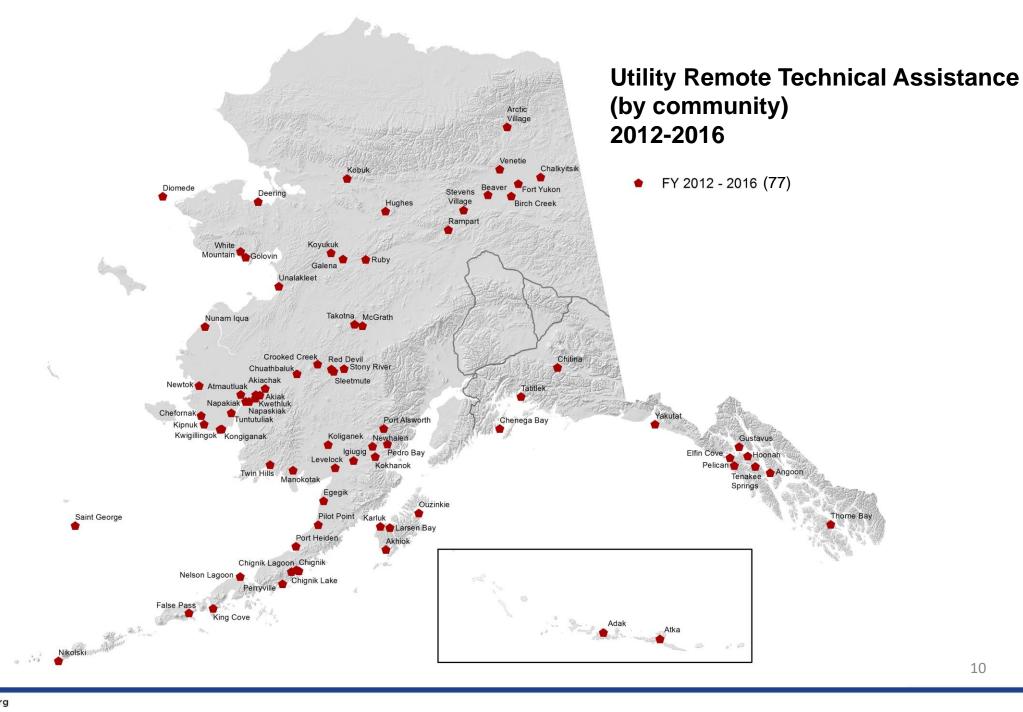


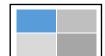


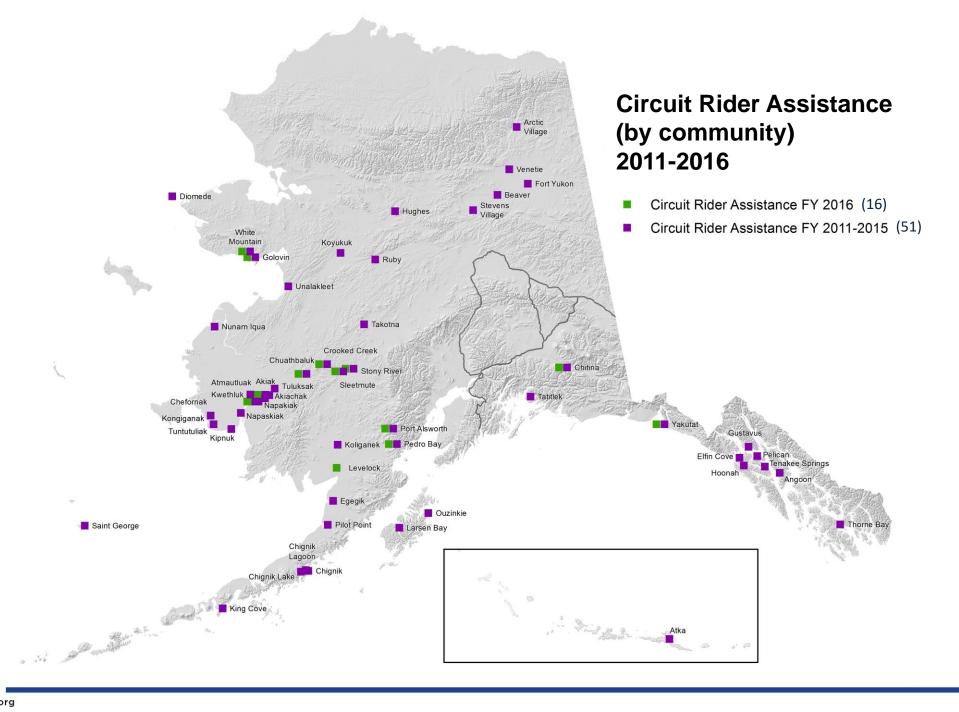




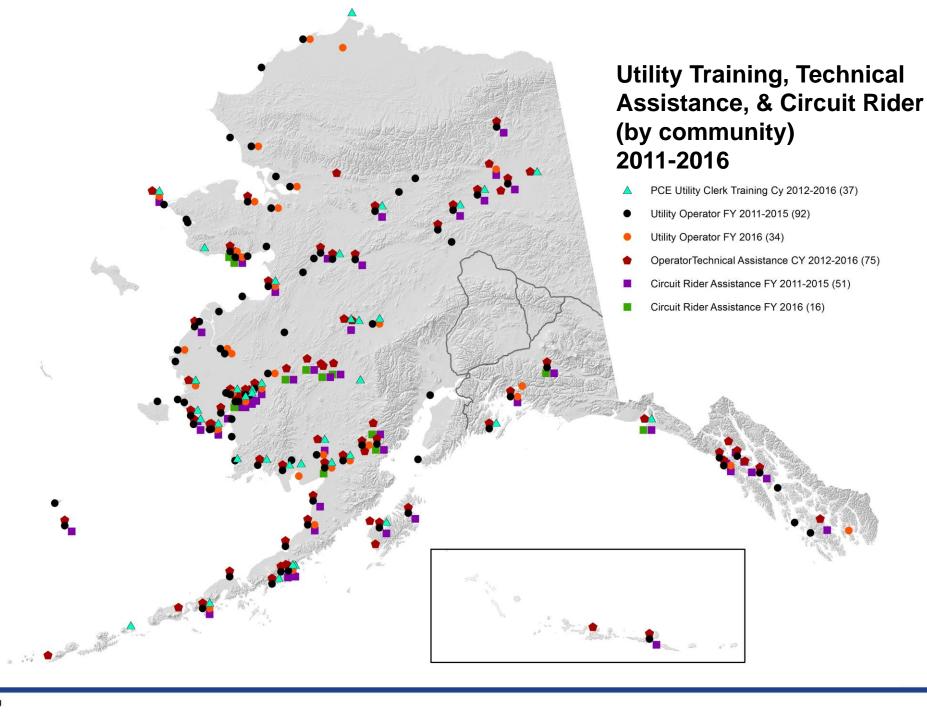


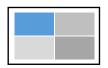






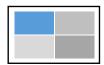






#### 3 AAC 108.230. Electrical emergency assistance provided by the authority

- (a) If a utility eligible under 3 AAC 108.210 suffers an electrical emergency, the authority will, subject to the availability of appropriations, assist the utility in responding to the emergency and recovering the ability to generate and transmit power to the utility's customers in a manner that does not constitute a significant threat to life or property. Assistance may include financial assistance or technical assistance, including emergency repairs.
- (b) In this section, "electrical emergency" means a condition in a utility's system that presents an <u>imminent danger</u> to life or likelihood of significant disruption of electrical service.



#### **Emergency Response Flow**

















Regular Utility Operations

Power Outage AEA Emergency Response Activated: Phone Call with Utility Operator Problem
Diagnosed by
AEA

Then the Utilities,
AEA Personnel
and/or Contractor
Engaged for
repairs

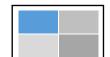
Power Restored, "Imminent Danger" is Over

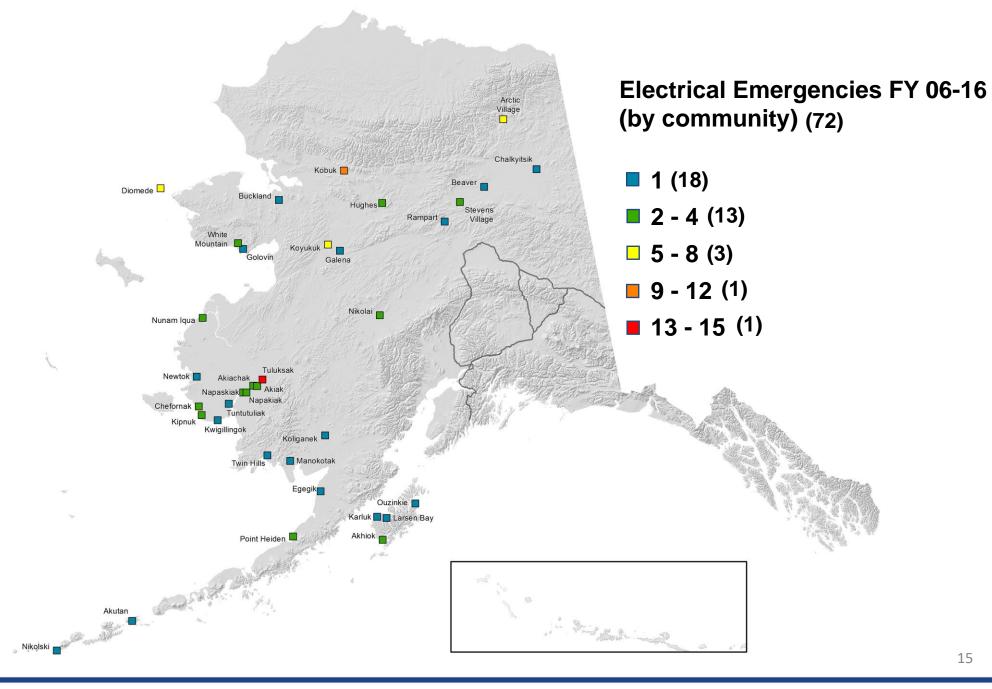
Most Emergency Response Calls are resolved within 12 - 48 Hours

Then it is the
utility's
responsibility, Regular
after the Utility
emergency Operations
response, to
complete the
permanent fix, if
required

Arctic Village: PPF \$ & Diomede: CDQ \$









#### Ten Year Average for Emergency Response

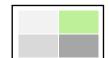
| Туре                             | Cost             | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| State Labor & Travel             | \$525,190        | 18%        |
| Contractors                      | \$1,233,744      | 43%        |
| Freight                          | \$302,855        | 11%        |
| Materials & Supplies             | <u>\$786,043</u> | 28%        |
| Total                            | \$2,847,832      |            |
| Per year average                 | <u>\$284,783</u> |            |
| 72 Community Emergency Responses |                  |            |

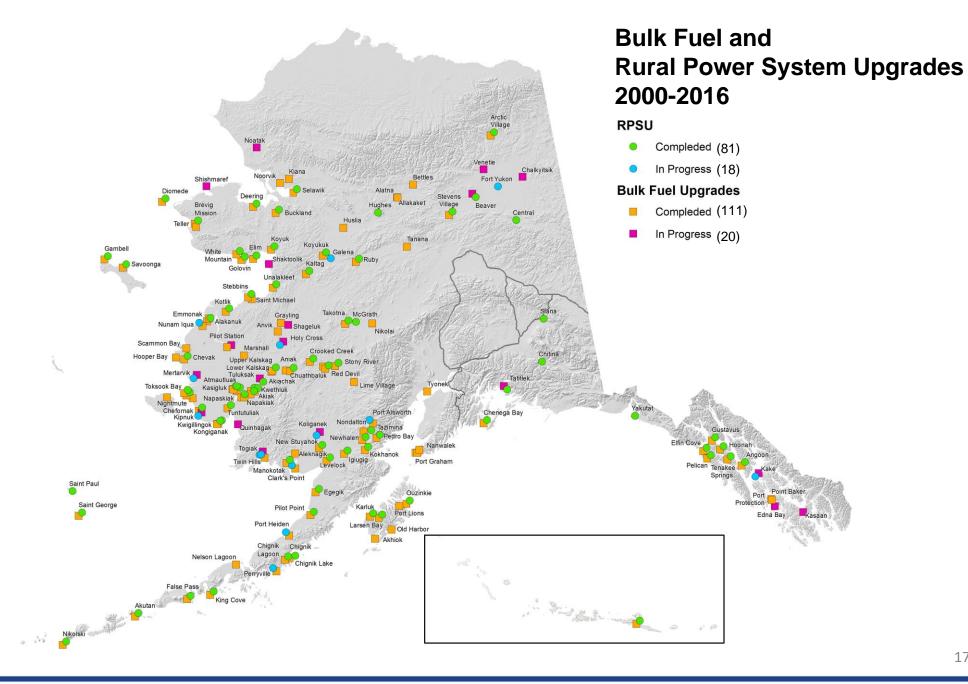
RPSU Emergencies -vs- Replacement Cost: \$285k Assistance/\$975M Rural Utility Assets -vs- \$100 Roadside Tire Assistance/\$30,000 Car

= 0.00029 = .029%

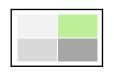
Car Analogy:

= 0.003 = .3% (10x cost)









# Investing in rural energy projects brings benefits to communities

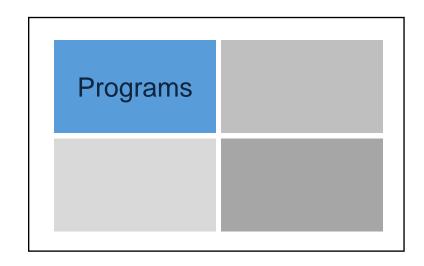
## Rural Power System Upgrades (RPSU) Program

- Builds code compliant facilities providing stable and reliable power
- ~10% to 20% efficiency improvement in diesel generation
- Value of grant funds between \$0.12 and \$0.89/kWh

## **Bulk Fuel Tank Farm Upgrades Program**

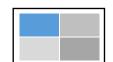
- Builds code compliant fuel storage facilities
- preventing spills and contamination
- decreasing the per unit cost of fuel by allowing the community to purchase bulk quantities

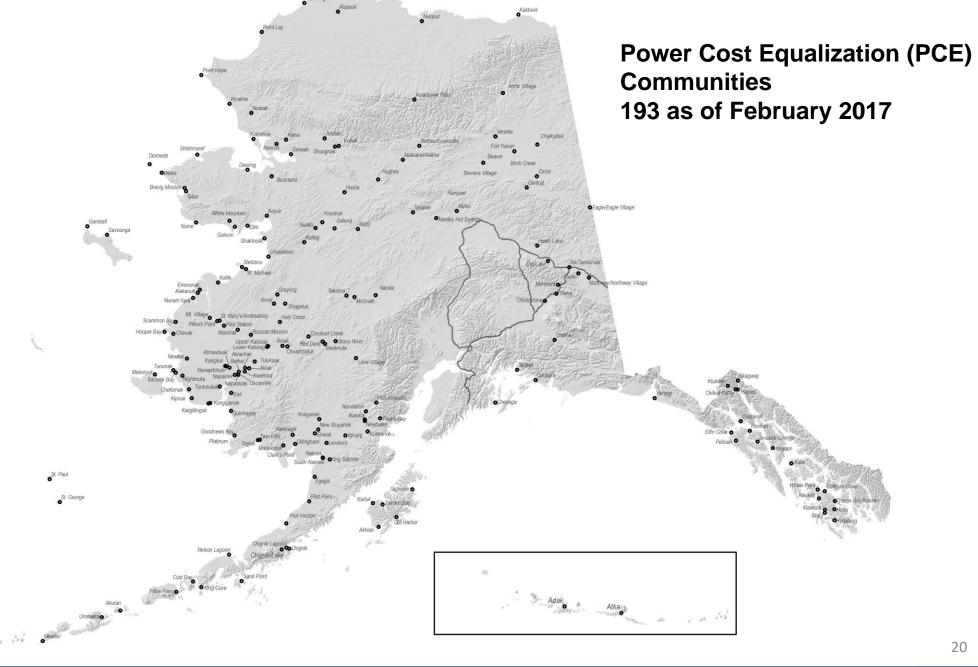




#### 2. Power Cost Equalization Overview

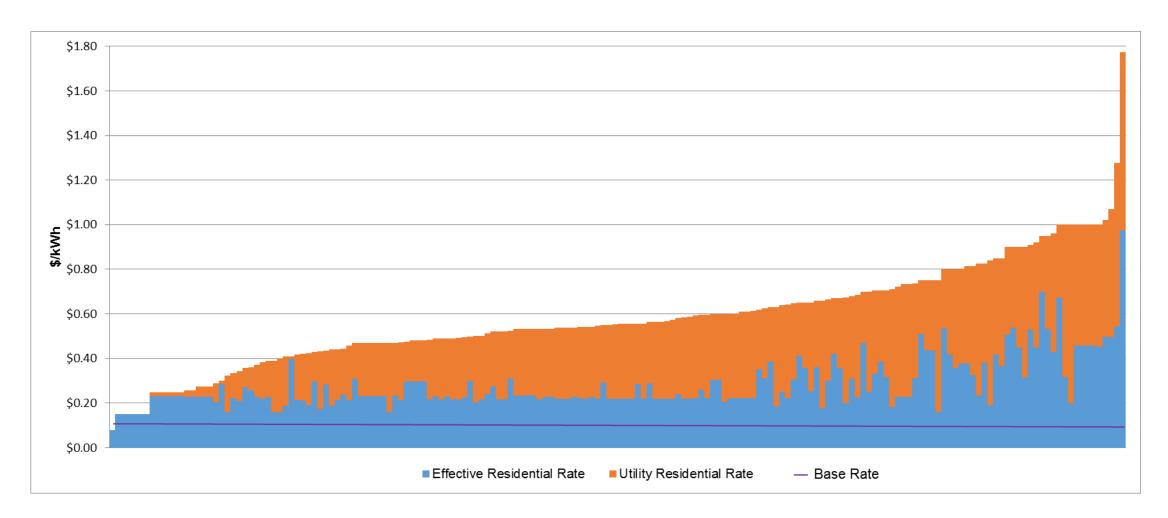




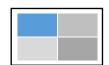




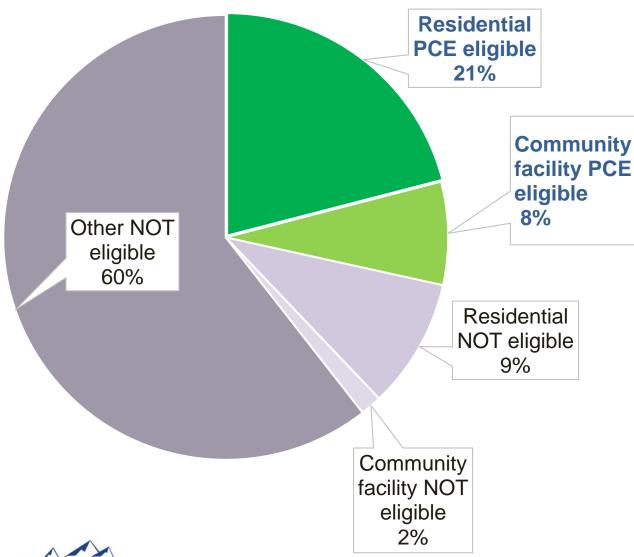
# **Stabilizing Power Rates Power Cost Equalization Communities**







#### Electric Sales in PCE Communities (kWh)



## Percent of kWhs that are PCE eligible varies by community.

- Across all PCE communities 29% of all kWhs sold are eligible.
- Eligible PCE sales range from 5% to 72% of total sales.
- In a typical (un-weighted average) PCE community, 40% of all kWhs sold are eligible.



Q: Are PCE recipients penalized by REF projects or REF project energy savings?

A: No. In fact, all ratepayers in the PCE community share the benefit

Hypothetical example: an REF project saves \$100 in a community...



\$60.00

Savings to community PCE-ineligible kWhs

- Private businesses
- Schools
- Residential kWhs over 500/month
- Government buildings

\$38.00

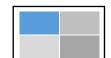
Savings to the PCE program through reduced disbursements

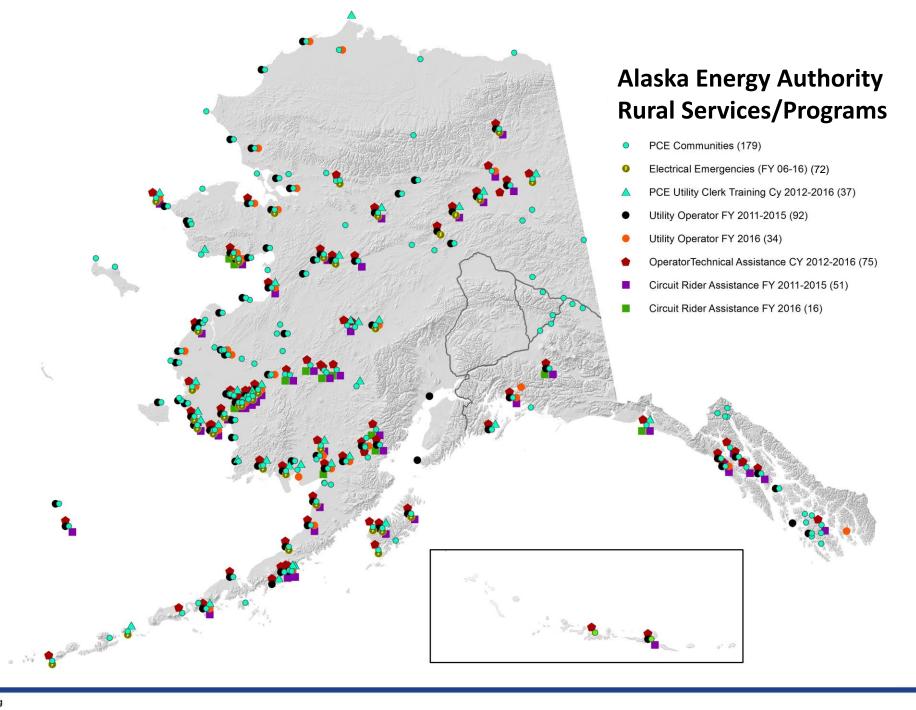
\$2.00

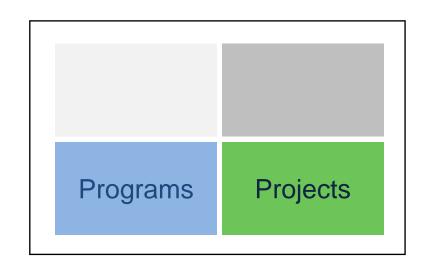
Savings to kWhs already subsidized through PCE



Assuming cost based rate in a typical PCE community: 40% kWhs sold are subsidized by PCE, 60% are not.



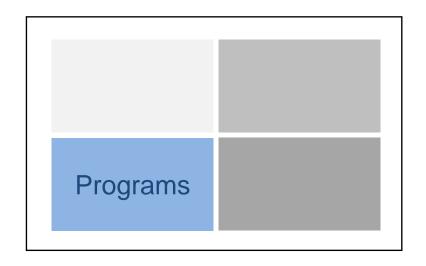




#### 3. Urban/Statewide Programs and Projects



#### **Urban/Statewide Programs/Services**

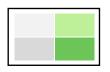


- Technical Assistance technology areas
- Energy Policy Lead
- Bradley Project Management Committee (BPMC)
- Intertie Management Committee (IMC)

#### **Urban/Statewide Projects/Infrastructure**



- Bradley Lake Hydroelectric
- Alaska Intertie
- Project Development & Finance Assistance (biomass, wind, hydro, end-use efficiency, diesel)
- Energy Planning
- Renewable Energy Grant Fund
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## Technical Assistance – energy technologies

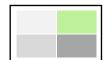
#### **5 Critical Technology Areas:**

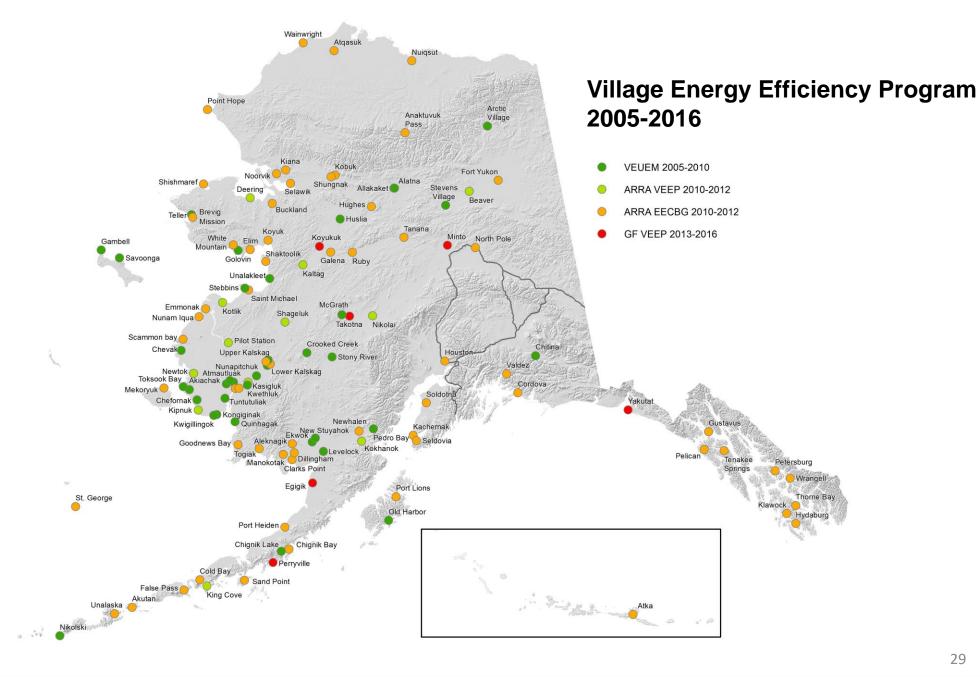
- 1. End-use Efficiency
- 2. Hydro
- 3. Biomass
- 4. Wind
- 5. Heat Recovery

#### 6 "Lighter Touch" Technology Areas:

- 1. Energy Storage
- 2. Heat Pumps
- 3. Solar PV
- 4. Transmission
- 5. Solar Thermal
- 6. Advanced Grid

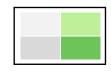




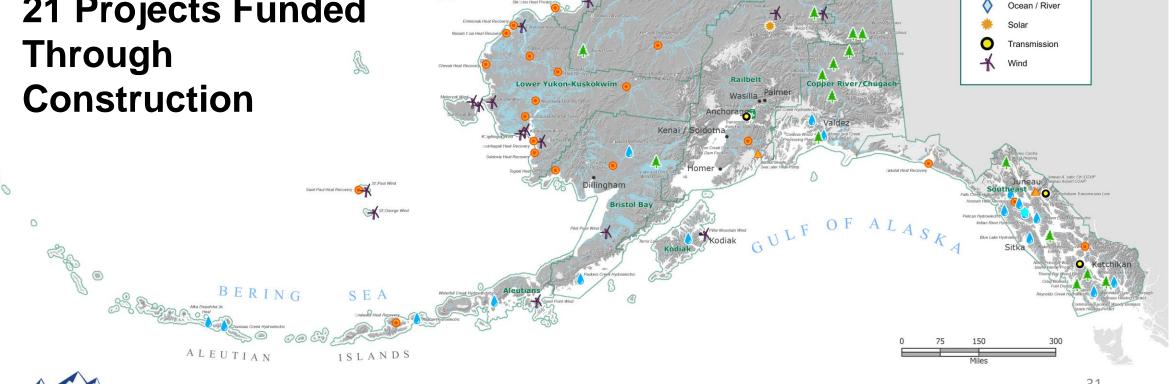




#### **Renewable Energy Fund Grants** Rounds 1-9 2008-2016 **Biomass or Biofuels Heat Pump Heat Recovery** Hydro Ocean/River **287 REF** Solar **Transmission Applications** Wind Other **Funded** 30



- 70 Projects **Operational**
- 21 Projects Funded **Through**



ARCTIC

OCEAN

Yukon-Koyukuk/Upper Tanana



**Renewable Energy** 

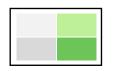
**Fund Projects** 

Completed/Under

**Development** 

As of February 2017

Heat Recovery



#### **AEA Energy Projects are Effective**

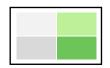
#### Renewable Energy Fund

- \$257 million since 2008
- Jumpstarted renewable energy market in Alaska
- Leveraged hundreds of millions of federal and private dollars
- Displacing ~31 million diesel equivalent gallons annually
- Which equates to ~\$63 million in 2016



Eva Creek Wind (Golden Valley Electric)



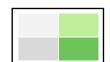


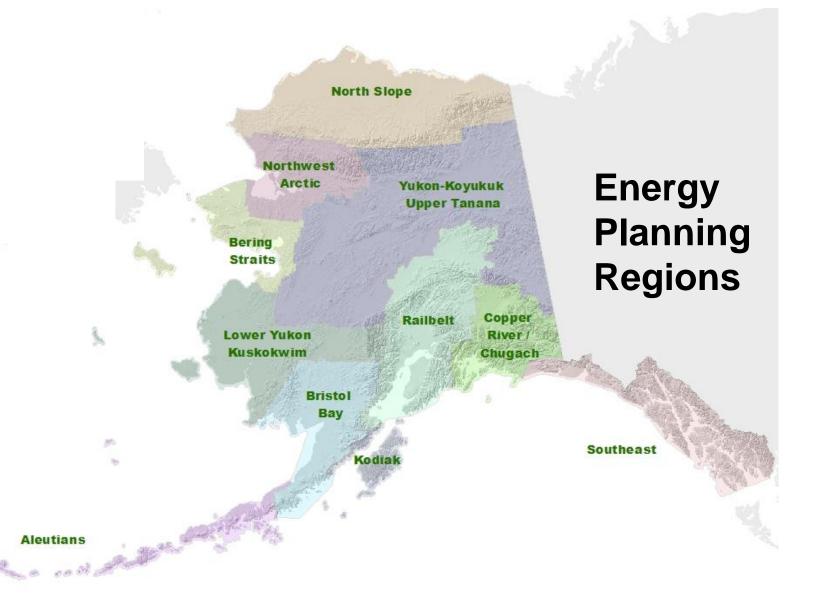
#### Benefits and costs perspectives differ

- The State takes a universal approach: counting all costs and all benefits regardless of who pays costs or receives benefits
- A community or project developer will likely not include the value of grant funds in their calculation of cost or the reduction in PCE payments from the State as a benefit

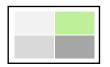
|                      | State perspective | Community perspective |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Grant dollars        | \$75              | \$0                   |
| Community match      | \$50              | \$50                  |
| Total cost           | \$125             | \$50                  |
|                      |                   |                       |
| Reduced fuel \$ that |                   |                       |
| stays in community   | \$70              | \$70                  |
| Reduced fuel \$ that |                   |                       |
| lowers PCE payment   | \$30              | \$0                   |
| Total benefit        | \$100             | \$70                  |
|                      |                   |                       |
| Benefit cost ratio   | 0.8               | 1.4                   |







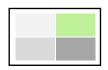




### Alaska Affordable Energy Strategy







### AkAES: Targeted Review

**B2**: One-stop-shop Community Energy Fund for Alaska (CEFA)

**B4**: On-bill financing

C5: Empower the RCA to have siting authority over economically regulated utilities

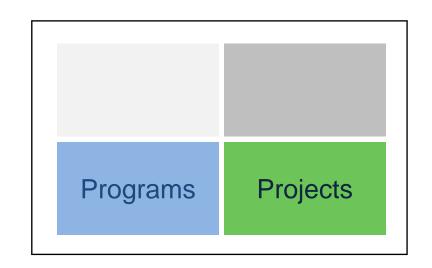
D3: Establish a universal service charge





# The AkAES reaffirms differing perspectives related to energy issues





### 4. Railbelt Assets, Management & Planning





#### **AEA-Owned Energy Infrastructure**

#### **Alaska Intertie**



- 173 miles from Willow to Healy
- Allows GVEA to connect to and benefit from lower cost power
- \$40 million average annual avoided cost to Golden Valley Electric Association
- 2017 Railbelt Transmission Plan completed

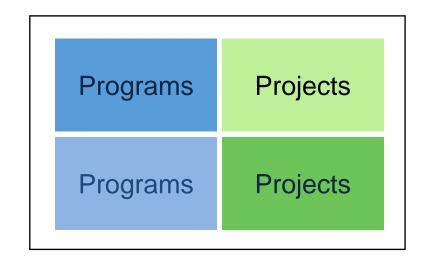


#### **AEA-Owned Energy Infrastructure**

#### **Bradley Lake Hydro**



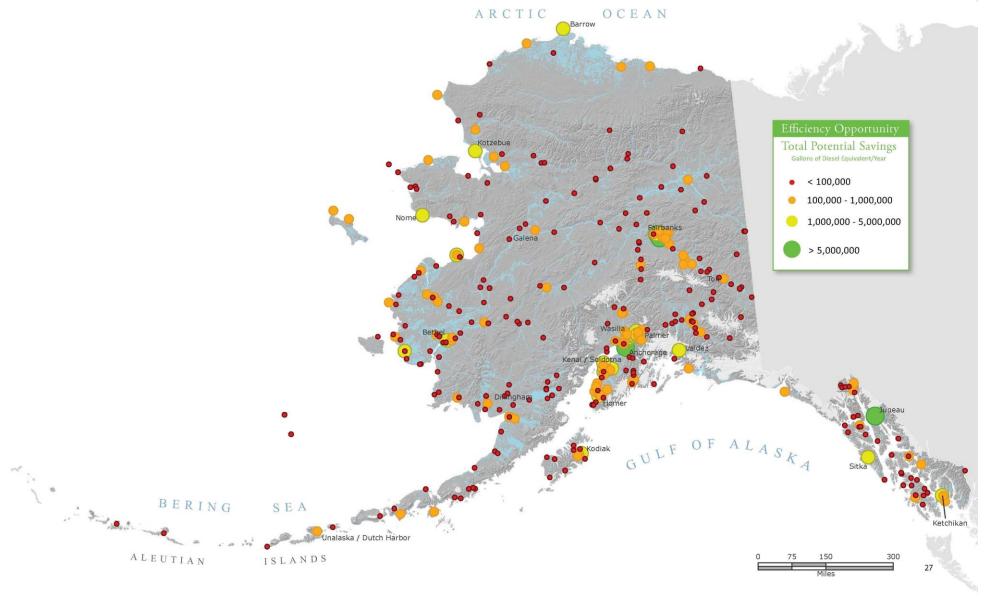
- Provides the Railbelt with low cost power
- All six Railbelt utilities benefit
- State entitled to receive and appropriate ~\$12.5M/yr starting ~2020/2021 as repayment from its original \$165M investment
- State investment and ratepayers protected through AEA role in BPMC (and IMC)



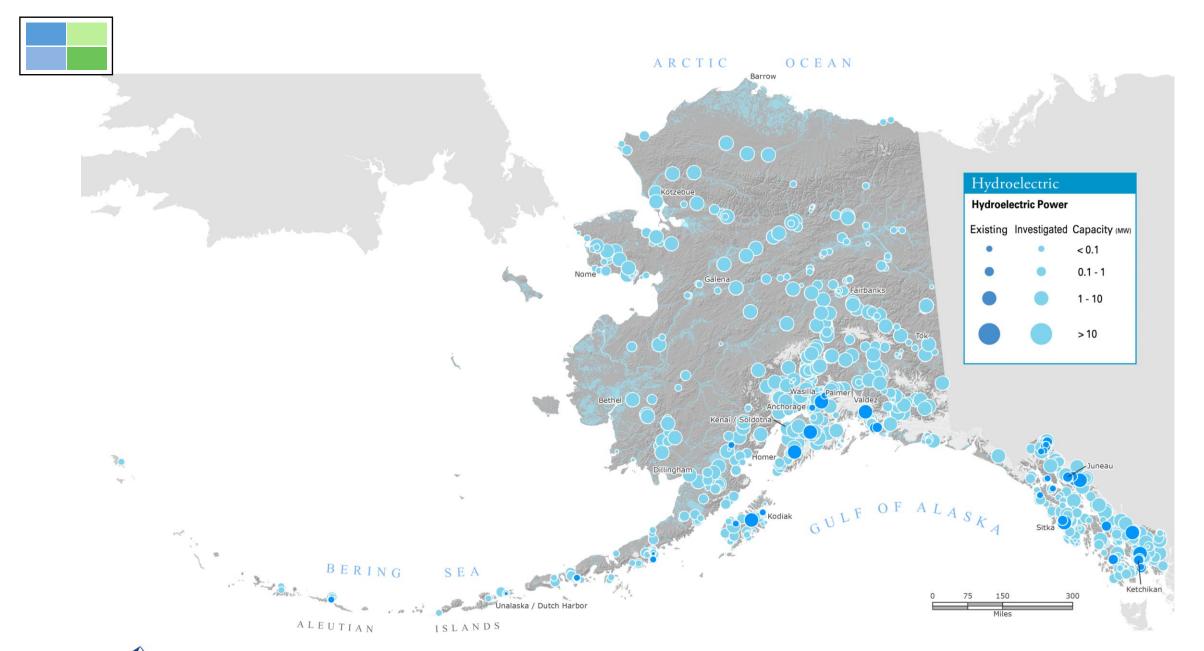
### A Project Development & Finance Future

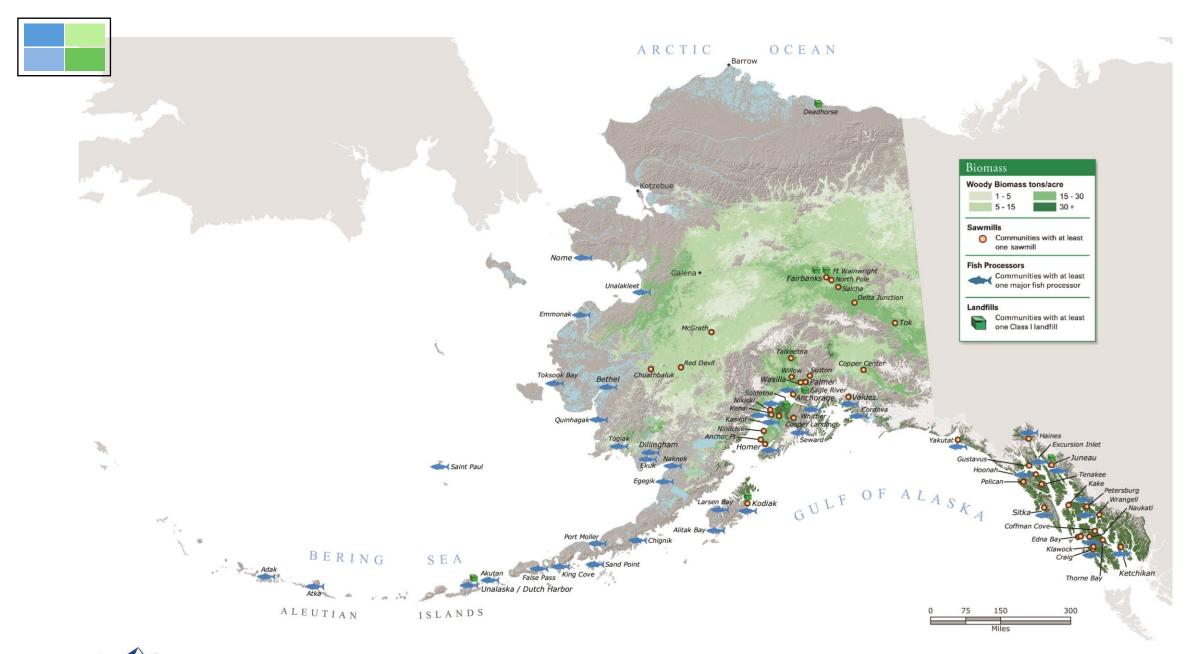


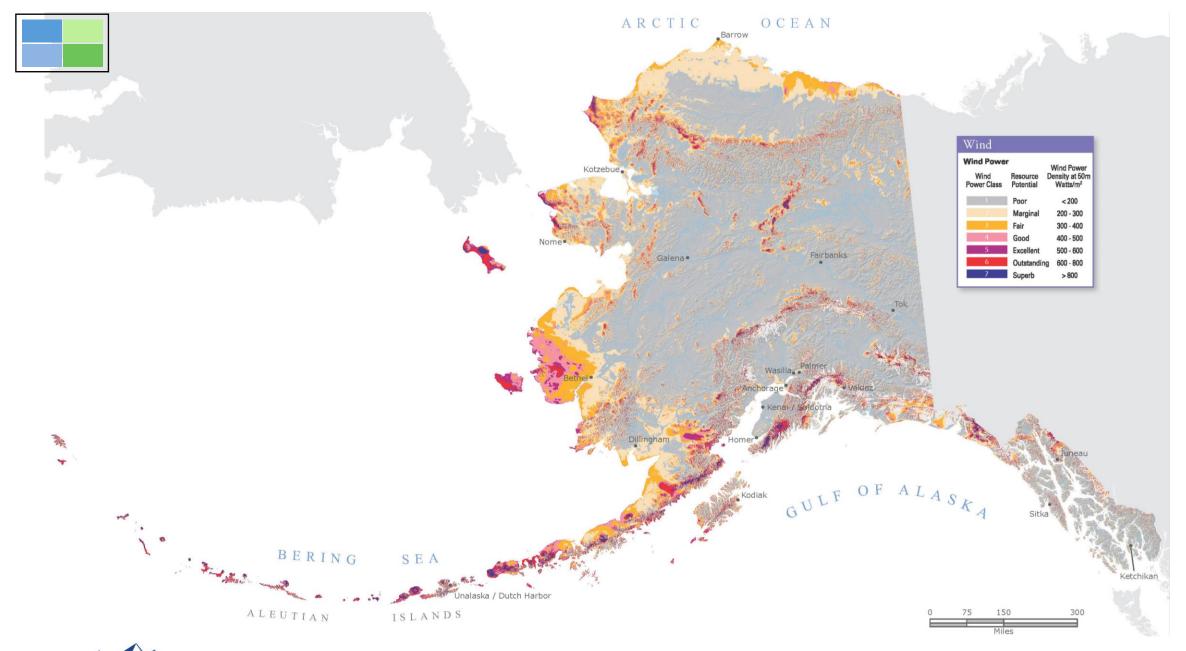


















### The Power Project Fund

- Flexible loan program to meet community need
- Covers all aspects of supply side energy system
- Available for all phases of project development
- Technically, economically and financially viable
- Increased interest and activity in recent years
- Anticipate activity will continue to grow







## **ENERGY PROJECT**FINANCE SEMINAR AND DEAL ROOM

Thursday, March 2, 2017
Fairbanks
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Wedgewood Resort

Alaska Energy Authority is proud to host the second **Alaska Energy Project Finance Seminar**. This event will bring project developers together with lenders from both the public and private sectors to learn about financing for building efficiency and energy generation projects, with the intention of sparking new investment in projects around the state.

The last part of the day is reserved for the **Energy Project Deal Room**.

FOR AGENDA and REGISTRATION, please see: akenergyauthority.org





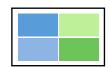












 AEA programs and projects comprehensively improve energy safety, stability, reliability, and affordability

 Benefits are shared by rural and urban utilities and consumers alike

Growth potential through non-state funding







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