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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90**

1 Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance  
 2 with AS 24.08.210, I order the following:

3 \* **Section 1. FINDINGS.** As governor, I find that it would be in the best interests of  
 4 efficient administration to move the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation from the  
 5 Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and  
 6 to transfer the duties of the science and engineering advisory commission to the Alaska  
 7 Science and Technology Foundation, thus integrating the state's science and technology  
 8 activities within the state agency responsible for the comprehensive economic development  
 9 of the State of Alaska.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 37.17.010(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The Alaska Science and Technology Foundation is established as a public  
 12 corporation in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development  
 13 [REVENUE].

14 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 37.17.090(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) Grant awards by the board must be consistent with the policy and research  
 16 priorities identified by the foundation under AS 37.17.420 [ALASKA SCIENCE  
 17 AND ENGINEERING ADVISORY COMMISSION].

18 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 37.17 is amended by adding new sections to read:

19 **ARTICLE 3. SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH;**  
 20 **SCIENCE EDUCATION.**

21 **Sec. 37.17.400. PURPOSE.** The purpose of AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430 is to  
 22 establish state research policy, priorities, and goals, and to provide a plan for basic  
 23 and applied scientific research for the state, including natural resources and materials,

1 physical, biological, and health sciences, and social and behavioral sciences.

2 **Sec. 37.17.410. STATEMENT OF POLICY.** It is the policy of the state in  
3 AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430 to recognize the important role that scientific and  
4 engineering research and science education play for the people of the state and the  
5 entire nation. The policy will make it possible to

6 (1) find, develop, and manage the natural renewable and nonrenewable  
7 resources of the state's land and water economically and in an environmentally  
8 acceptable fashion;

9 (2) manage the unique features of the environment, fauna, and flora  
10 of the state and protect them from harmful man-made and natural influences;

11 (3) investigate and mitigate the effects of natural hazards such as  
12 earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, avalanches, permafrost, and other hazards that occur  
13 in the state;

14 (4) construct, operate, and maintain transportation systems,  
15 communications, housing, and other facilities suited to the state's conditions;

16 (5) develop new technologies adapted to the unique conditions and  
17 needs of the state;

18 (6) improve the health and well being throughout the life cycle of the  
19 state's inhabitants; and

20 (7) identify and address future social and economic challenges facing  
21 the state.

22 **Sec. 37.17.420. ADDITIONAL POWER AND DUTIES OF THE**  
23 **FOUNDATION.** (a) In addition to its duties under AS 37.17.010 - 37.17.390, the  
24 Alaska Science and Technology Foundation shall

25 (1) develop and recommend an integrated state research policy;

26 (2) provide policy information to the governor and the legislature on  
27 matters that have scientific and engineering significance;

28 (3) receive scientific and engineering information from the academic  
29 and industrial communities;

30 (4) act in an advocacy role for scientific and engineering issues and  
31 science education important to the state that might otherwise be overlooked;

1 (5) assist state agencies in assessing research needs and establishing  
2 priorities among them;

3 (6) facilitate cooperation between state agencies and the University of  
4 Alaska and other academic institutions and industry;

5 (7) recommend methods to improve logistical planning and support for  
6 scientific and engineering research conducted in the state by state, federal, or  
7 international agencies, private industry, the general public, or private research  
8 organizations;

9 (8) recommend methods for improving efficient acquisition, storage,  
10 transfer, and dissemination of scientific and engineering data and information among  
11 interested public and private institutions and the general public;

12 (9) promote science education and training for young scientists and  
13 engineers to pursue careers in the state and the Arctic;

14 (10) cooperate with the federal Arctic Research Commission in the  
15 formulation of the Arctic research policy; and

16 (11) not later than September 30 of each year, present to the governor  
17 recommended research priorities of the state for the next fiscal year.

18 (b) In addition to the foundation's powers under AS 37.17.010 - 37.17.390,  
19 the foundation may

20 (1) receive money from private and government sources; and

21 (2) award contracts and grants to accomplish the purposes of  
22 AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430.

23 Sec. 37.17.430. APPROPRIATIONS. Appropriations made for the purposes  
24 of AS 37.17.400 - 37.17.430 are not one-year appropriations and do not lapse under  
25 AS 37.25.010.

26 \* Sec. 5. AS 44.19.251, 44.19.253, 44.19.255, 44.19.257, 44.19.259, 44.19.261, 44.19.263,  
27 44.19.264, and 44.19.265 are repealed.

28 \* Sec. 6. TRANSITION. (a) Litigation, hearings, investigations, and other proceedings  
29 pending under a law amended or repealed by this Order, or in connection with functions  
30 transferred by this Order, continue in effect and may be continued and completed  
31 notwithstanding a transfer or amendment or repeal provided for in this Order.

1           (b) Contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law amended  
2 or repealed by this Order, and in effect on June 30, 1994, remain in effect notwithstanding  
3 this Order's taking effect. Records, equipment, appropriations, and other property of agencies  
4 of the state whose functions are transferred under this Order shall be transferred to implement  
5 the provisions of this Order.

6       \* Sec. 7. This Order takes effect July 1, 1994.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Walter J. Hickel  
Governor