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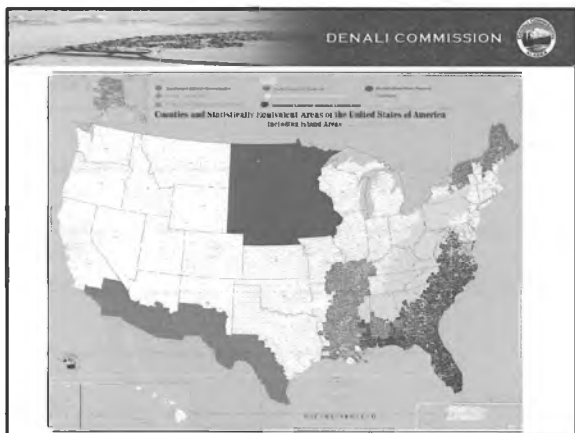
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**DENALI COMMISSION**

**Denali Commission – An independent federal agency**

**Created in 1998 – Denali Commission Act**

**Governing Principles:**

- Small staff
- Limited overhead costs
- Numerous program partners
- Shared resources; common vision
- Transparency
- Decisions made in Alaska

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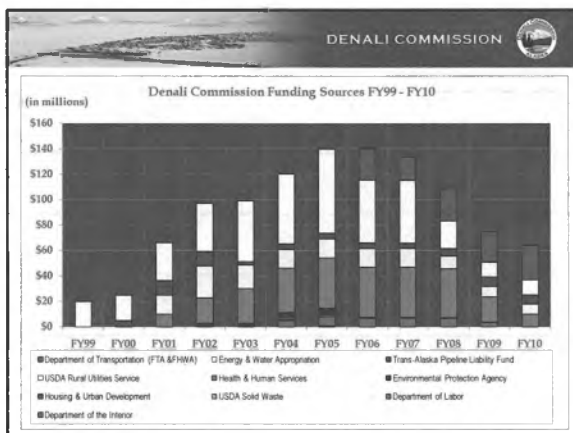
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**DENALI COMMISSION**

**Active Programs**

- Transportation
  - Road
  - Waterfront Development
- Energy
  - Power Plants, Transmission Lines, Bulk Fuel Storage, Alternative Renewable Energy
- Health Facilities
  - Primary Care Clinics, Behavior Health, Primary Care in Hospitals
- Training
- Government Coordination

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### Transportation Program Funding Overview

- Program Funded in FY2005
- SAFETEALU – Legislation provided ~ \$100 million to Denali Commission FY2005-2009
- Annually Provides ~\$25,000,000 to the Commission
  - FHWA - \$15,000,000
  - FTA - \$10,000,000

Sand Point New Harbor Float (Photo)  
Total Project Cost – \$1.8 million  
Partner – Aleutians East Borough  
Completed Construction February 2011



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### Project Types

- Local Roads, Boardwalks
- ATV Roads
- Community Connection and Economic Development Roads
- Regional Ports and
- Local Small Boat Harbors
- Barge Landings

Nunam Iqua Boardwalk Project (Photo)  
Total Project Cost – \$1 million  
Partner – State of Alaska  
Completed Construction 2010



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### Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)



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### Transportation Program Policy Issues

- DOT-OIG Report - <http://www.oig.dot.gov/library-item/5502>
  - FHWA Oversight
- Reauthorization
  - SAFETEA-LU/HighwayBill
  - FY11 Continuing Resolution
- Non - Federal Match Requirements
  - Road Projects - FHWA- 9.03%
  - Waterfront Development Projects - FTA- 20%
- FY12?

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**Denali Commission  
Transportation Program**

**Road and Waterfront Project Selections  
Fiscal Year 2006 - 2011**

**March 2011 Update**

\*This document serves as a snap-shot of project details including funding amounts, project recipients and project status. The document does not represent current financial obligations or expenditures, and details in the document may be altered by the Commission over the life of a project.

<b>Partner Agency/Project</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>*Status</b>
<b>Alaska Department of Transportation &amp; Public Facilities</b>							
Akutan Airport Hovercraft Landing Ramps				909,700			Design
Angoon - Ferry Terminal Passenger Facility					68,228		Design
AUTC/DOT&PF Dust Control Research			239,965				Design
Cantwell Roads Rehabilitation	454,850	149,399					Complete
Circle/Circle City Roads Rehabilitation	818,730						Construction
Coffman Cove Roads Paving	3,000		848,280				Construction
Cold Bay Airport Access Road Reconstruction				136,455			Cancelled
Eagle/Eagle Village Roads Rehabilitation	1,182,610						Construction
Elfin Cove Boardwalk Design/Construction/Repairs	136,455		45,485		136,455		Design
Emmonak Roads Reconstruction	1,819,400						Design
Fort Yukon Roads Rehabilitation	1,819,400						Construction
Gambell - Evacuation Road						850,000	Award Documents/Construction
Gustavus Transient Vessel Mooring Facility Replacement	95,200			812,500			Construction
Healy - Community Roads Rehabilitation/Surfacing					500,000		Design
Kake - Ferry Terminal Passenger Facility					136,455		Design
Naukatl Small Boat Float Replacement			54,582				Design
Northway - Access Road Rehabilitation/Surfacing					500,000		Design
Pelican Board-Road Reconstruction Phase I-III	272,910	267,547	393,886				Complete
Port Alexander Boardwalk Repairs Phase I-II	181,940				295,653		Design
Port Alexander South Cedar Street Boardwalk Repairs	254,716						Complete
Selawik-Skin Street Barge Landing Road Reconstruction	727,760						Complete
St. Marys & Pitkas Point - Connector Road Dust Control					250,000		Design
Takotna Gold Creek Bridge Replacement				272,910			Design

Partner Agency/Project	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	*Status
Tanacross - Community Roads Rehabilitation/Surfacing					500,000		Design
Selawik - Barge Landing Road and Boardwalk Improvements						116,487	Award Documents
Tanana Roads Rehabilitation	41,883						Complete
Teller - Airport Road Dust Control					75,000		Design
Tenakee Springs - Ferry Dock Improvements					409,365		Construction
Togiak Main Road Rehabilitation	727,760						Cancelled - Transfer to WFLHD
Whale Pass Small Boat Float Replacement			54,582				Cancelled
Wrangell Front Street Redevelopment					1,000,000		Construction
<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs</b>							
Chefornak - Boardwalk Reconstruction						1,000,000	Award Documents/Construction
Hughes - Moose Loop/Blueberry Road						716,000	Award Documents/Construction
Huslia - Boat and Barge Landing Access Road						750,000	Award Documents/Construction
Chignik Lake - Culvert Replacment						175,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Western Federal Lands Highway Division</b>							
Akhiok Tsunami Shelter Road Repairs	363,000						Design/Construction
Akiak Roads Rehabilitation				3,500,000			Design
Atka Roads Rehabilitation			1,654,241				Design/Construction
Atmautluak, Nunapitchuk Tevraq Tramway Railroad Reconstruction				1,810,000			Construction
Birch Creek - Feasibility Study						300,000	Award Documents/Study
Buckland - River Bridge Design						75,000	Award Documents/Design
Coffman Cove Dock Reconstruction/Expansion			1,650,000				Construction
Gakona Access Road Rehabilitation				2,400,000			Construction
Galena Dock Improvements			1,409,926	214,136			Cancelled
Hydaburg - Saltry Point Road Construction						991,444	Award Documents/Construction
IRT Chigniks Road Survey				150,000			Complete
Kalskag to Yukon River Road Study			100,000				Reconnaissance
King Cove Roads Reconstruction		1,785,177					Complete
Kivalina Evacuation/Relocation Road Reconnaissance	138,668						Complete
Kobuk Winter Trail Bridge		927,090					Complete
Kwethluk Barge Landing & Jay Hammond Roads Reconstruction/Extension				2,500,000			Design
Kwigillingok Kuicuaq Slough ATV Trail				150,000			Complete
Kwigillingok ATV Trail						125,000	Award Documents/Design/Construction
Manley Hot Springs Streets Rehabilitation				2,150,000			Design
Manokotak Heights Road Reconstruction				3,500,000			Design
McGrath Roads Reconstruction				2,000,000			Design
Metlakatla Walden Point Road Construction		1,050,000					Complete

Partner Agency/Project	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	*Status
Metlakatla Walden Point Road Conector Road						695,093	Award Documents/Construction
Nenana 9th and K Street Reconstruction/Extension		1,427,425					Construction
Noatak - Delong Mountain Terminal Bus Road Access Route					400,000		Planning/Design
Northway Subdivison Access Road						200,000	Award Documents/Design
Shaktoolik Evacuation Road Planning				1,000,000			Cancelled
Stevens Village Access Road Planning		545,150					Complete
Akiok, Cheforak, Hooper Bay, Kwigilling Subsistence ATV Road Planning			32,925				Complete
Tununak ATV Geo-Tech Trail Construction				2,700,000			Design
Tununak - Community Streets Rehabilitation					1,500,000		Design/Construction
Statewide - Technical Services				300,000	150,000		Ongoing
<b>Corps of Engineers</b>							
Aniak Barge Landing Improvements		150,000					Cancelled
Bethel - Small Boat Harbor Dredging					500,000		Design
Eek Barge Landing Improvements				300,000			Planning/Design
Elim Barge Landing Improvements				300,000			Cancelled
McGrath Barge Landing Improvements		24,683					Complete
Chignik Small Boat Harbor Construction			1,000,000				Complete
Chevak Mooring Points Construction		270,000					Complete
Cordova Harbor Storm Breakwater Construction	116,889						Complete
Holy Cross Boat Launch						150,000	Award Documents/Preliminary Engineering
Hydaburg - Small Boat Harbor						1,000,000	Award Documents/Construction
Kake Boat Launch Replacement						150,000	Award Documents/Design
Kwinhagak/Quinhagak Harbor Entrance Improvements		200,000					Complete
Manley Hot Springs Boat Landing Improvements		50,000					Complete
Nanwalek Safe Harbor Study		140,000					Complete
Nondalton Dock/Launch Ramp Construction		150,000					Design
Perryville Barge Landing Improvements		87,604			1,000,000		Design/Construction
Platinum Dock Location Study				300,000			Study Complete
Port Graham Dock Planning		50,000					Reconnaissance
Port Lions City Dock and Ferry Terminal Repairs		50,000			120,000		Design
Saint Michael - Port Development						150,000	Award Documents/Design
Saint Paul Harbor Improvements		600,000					Closed Out
Seldovia Harbor Improvements	200,000				1,000,000		Design/Construction
Statewide Barge Landing System Mooring Points Planning and Design			1,500,000				Construction
Statewide Barge Landing System Design - Phase I and II			676,105				Complete

Partner Agency/Project	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	*Status
Statewide Barge landing Design and Construction Phase I-IV					1,000,000		Construction
Statewide Mooring Points - Phase IV						3,920,000	Award Documents
Statewide Mooring Points - Phase III						1,680,000	Award Documents
Statewide Barge Landing Site Investigations						250,000	Ongoing
Statewide Construction Inspection Services		75,000					Ongoing
Statewide Technical Services	150,000				198,761		Ongoing
Tenakee Springs Ferry Dock Improvements						200,000	Award Documents/Design
Togiak - Transit Facility Improvements						50,000	Award Documents/Design/Construction
<b>Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</b>							
Nunam Iqua Board-Road Improvements/Extension		172,363					Complete
Pitka's Point Sanitation Road Construction		460,000					Complete
<b>Alaska Village Electric Cooperative</b>							
Mekoryuk Harbor Repairs		571,450					Complete
Hooper Bay (AVEC) Wind Turbine Access Road Construction		199,531	215,000				Complete
<b>Aleutians East Borough</b>							
False Pass Boat Harbor Rehabilitation/Expansion		1,020,000				996,461	Construction
<b>Association of Village Council Presidents</b>							
Alakanuk - Community Streets					216,000		Design
Regional Roads Planning			100,000				Ongoing
Atmoutluak Dock Replacement				150,000			Construction
Kongiganak Barge Landing Improvements				500,000			Complete
Hooper Bay - Community Streets						134,647	Award Documents/Construction
Nunam Iqua Boardwalk Construction			1,000,000				Complete
Bethel/Oscarville Road Planning			150,000				Reconnaissance
Pilot Station Roads Rehabilitation			2,150,000				Design/Construction
Pitkas Point - Main Street Improvements						85,343	Award Documents/Preliminary Design
Scammon Bay - Community Streets Rehab					1,689,134		Design/Construction
Tuntatuliak Boardwalk Extension					1,000,000		Complete
Toksook Bay - Community Roads Constructions						1,000,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Bristol Bay Borough</b>							
Port of Bristol Bay Dock Expansion/Repair			1,700,000				Complete
King Salmon & Naknek - School Bus Road Rehabilitation					950,000		Design

Partner Agency/Project	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	*Status
<b>Bristol Bay Native Association</b>							
Clarks Point/Ekuk Road Planning			50,000				Complete
Pilot Point Dago Creek Road Rehabilitation			165,000				Complete
<b>Department of Commerce, Community &amp; Economic Development</b>							
Interior Region Orthographic Mapping				160,000			Final Mapping
<b>Kawerak, Inc.</b>							
Brevig Mission Streets Reconstruction				1,000,000			Complete
Diomedede Island Marine Facilities Planning		600,000					Complete
Gambell Streets Reconstruction					1,000,000		Complete
Koyuk Streets Reconstruction		1,000,000					Complete
Shaktoolik Evacuation Road Planning		55,000					Complete
Unalakleet Streets Reconstruction		144,616	1,700,000				Complete
<b>City of Adak</b>							
Small Boat Harbor Dredging					1,600,000		Construction
<b>City of Akutan</b>							
Ferry Dock Improvements	434,000						Design
City Dock Improvements						60,000	Award Documents/Design
<b>City of Bethel</b>							
Boat Harbor Rehabilitation		520,000					Complete
Brown's Slough Bank Stabilization	570,000						Complete
City Dock East Wing Wall						200,000	Design
<b>Chenega IRA Council</b>							
Chenega Roads Rehabilitation/Extension		1,308,360					Complete
<b>City of Cordova</b>							
Boat Haulout Structure Improvements			829,000				Complete
Cordova Roads Rehabilitation	311,000						Complete
Dust Abatement Phase III						137,400	Award Documents/Construction
Eyak -Cordova Whitshed Road Extension					1,000,000		Complete
<b>City of Craig</b>							
Community Streets Paving						1,000,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Craig Community Association</b>							
Port Saint Nicholas Road Reconstruction	1,000,000						Complete
Craig Roads Rehabilitation			1,000,000				Construction

Partner Agency/Project	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	*Status
<b>City of Dillingham</b>							
Small Boat Harbor Ramps Improvements		350,000					Complete
Tower Road Reconstruction					925,000		Construction
<b>Gulkana Village Council</b>							
Gulkana Roads Rehabilitation	1,800,000						Construction
<b>City of Haines</b>							
Haines Harbor Reconstruction		800,000					Complete
<b>City of Hoonah</b>							
Marine Industrial Center Improvements			300,000				Complete
Marine Industrial Center Improvements - Phase III						657,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>City of Homer</b>							
Homer Small Boat Harbor Float						440,000	Award Documents/Design
<b>Igiugig Tradition Council</b>							
Igiugig High Ridge Subdivision Road Construction					81,000		Complete
Igiugig Float Plane Lake Road						917,612	Award Documents/Construction
<b>City and Borough of Juneau</b>							
Construction	1,000,000						Complete
<b>City of Ketchikan</b>							
Moran Transient Harbor Reconstruction		1,600,000					Complete
Knudson Cove Harbor Rehabilitation		413,000					Complete
Knudson Cove Harbor Launch Ramp Replacement					800,000		Construction
Thomas Basin Finger Floats					900,000		Construction
Bar Harbor Drive Down Ramp						100,000	Award Documents/Design
<b>Klawock Cooperative Association</b>							
Community Streets Paving					1,000,000		Complete
<b>City of King Cove</b>							
North Boat Harbor Reconstruction			1,500,000				Construction
<b>City of Kodiak</b>							
Pier 3 Cargo Terminal Repairs	300,000			300,000			Complete

Partner Agency/Project	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	*Status
<b>City of Kotzebue</b>							
Swan Lake Harbor Improvements					270,000		Design
Swan Lake Harbor Improvements						800,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Haines Borough</b>							
Haines - Third Avenue Street Construction						900,000	Award Document/Construction
<b>Kodiak Island Borough</b>							
Kodiak Island Transportation Study			125,000				Complete
Anton Larson Dock Improvements						80,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Lake and Peninsula Borough</b>							
Lake Iliamna Community Barge Landing Improvements Planning			300,000				Complete
Igiugig - Barge Landing Improvements						502,044	Award Documents/Design/Construction
Iliamna - Dock Rehabilitation						608,000	Award Documents/Design/Construction
Kokhanok - Barge Landing Improvements						326,384	Award Documents/Design/Construction
<b>Manillaq Association</b>							
Noorvik - Cemetery Road					957,650		Design
<b>City of Nenana</b>							
Nenana Tug and Barge Port Reconstruction		850,000					Design
<b>City of Nome</b>							
Low - Level Dock Float Replacement		1,000,000					Complete
Nome - Port of Nome High Mast Light Foundations and Towers						666,508	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Native Village of Buckland</b>							
Uptown Road Construction						554,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>North Pacific Rim Housing Authority</b>							
Tatitlek Dock Repairs	367,000						Complete
Chenega Bay Small Boat Harbor Rehabilitation				1,138,813			Complete
<b>North Slope Borough</b>							
Wainwright Lagoon Boat Launch Ramp Improvements		379,212					Complete
Anaktuvuk Pass Bridge Replacement			147,431		1,000,000		Construction

Partner Agency/Project	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	*Status
Point Lay - Subdivison Roads						478,400	Award Documents/Preliminary Design/Construction
Wainwright - Access Road						656,035	Award Documents/Construction
<b>City of Old Harbor</b>							
Small Boat Harbor Reconstruction	1,200,000						Complete
City Dock Reconstruction					1,000,000		Construction
<b>City of Ouzinkie</b>							
Ouzinkie - Dock Replacment Phase II						1,000,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Organized Village of Kake</b>							
Multi-Use Dock Replacement			1,000,000				Construction
<b>City of Pelican</b>							
Harbor Tee Floats Replacement		100,000					Complete
<b>City of Petersburg</b>							
Birch Street Construction						375,495	Award Documents/Construction
Sing Lee Alley Reconstruction						63,679	Award Documents/Design
<b>City of Sand Point</b>							
School Loop Road Rehabilitation			1,500,000				Award Documents/ Construction
Harbor Main Float					1,000,000		Complete
<b>Selawik</b>							
Selawik Boardwalk Reconstruction				270,000			Design
<b>City of Seward</b>							
East Harbor Reconstruction			1,000,000				Complete
Boat Harbor Replacement						100,000	Award Documents/Design
<b>City and Borough of Sitka</b>							
Indian River Road Rehabilitation		750,000					Complete
Old Thomsen Harbor Replacement	1,300,000						Complete
<b>City of Skagway</b>							
Boat Harbor Wave Attenuator Construction		500,000					Complete
<b>Stevens Village IRA Council</b>							
Stevens Village Roads Rehabilitation		1,000,000					Construction
<b>City of Thorne Bay</b>							

<b>Partner Agency/Project</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>*Status</b>
Davidson Landing Harbor Repairs	100,000						Complete
Davidson Landing Phase I Mooring Floats					562,761		Construction
<b>City of Unalaska</b>							
Distressed Vessel Moorage						250,000	Award Documents/Design/Construction
<b>City of Whittier</b>							
Small Boat Harbor Phase I					990,000		Construction
<b>City of Wrangell</b>							
Heritage Harbor Transient Floats Replacement			1,000,000				Complete
City Dock Rehabilitation					238,000	762,000	Design/Construction
Wood Street - Design Construction						1,000,000	Award Documents/Construction
<b>Yakutat Borough</b>							
Multi-Purpose Dock Reconstruction			696,000				Complete
<b>FY 06-11 Road and Waterfront Projects Total</b>	<b>17,887,171</b>	<b>21,792,607</b>	<b>26,287,408</b>	<b>28,924,514</b>	<b>23,570,701</b>	<b>29,685,032</b>	
<b>*PROJECT STATUS GLOSSARY</b>							
<b>Award Documents</b> -Financial Assistance Awards are being prepared at Denali Commission							
<b>Planning</b> -Project to develop a catalog of regional project needs/opportunities							
<b>Reconnaissance</b> -Project investigation to determine if there is a viable project scope-schedule-budget							
<b>Design</b> -Project design including engineering, NEPA approval and Right of Way acquisition							
<b>Construction</b> -Project construction including bid documents and bid advertising/selection							
<b>Close Out in Progress</b> -Project close out due to ineligibility, scope beyond program capability or project inaction							
<b>Complete</b> -Project design and/or construction is complete and project is moving into close out status							



**Denali Commission  
Transportation Program  
FY11 Road Projects**

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FY 11 Road Project Selections - House/Senate District/Community/Project	Denali Commission Funding Amount	House Representative	Senator
<b>House District 2, Senate District A</b>			
Petersburg - Birch Street - Construction	\$ 375,495	Peggy Wilson	Bert Stedman
Petersburg - Sing Lee Alley Reconstruction - Design	\$ 63,679	Peggy Wilson	Bert Stedman
Wrangell - Wood Street - Design/Construction	\$ 1,000,000	Peggy Wilson	Bert Stedman
<b>House District 5, Senate District C</b>			
Cordova - Dust Abatement - Phase III	\$ 137,400	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
Craig - Community Streets Paving - Construction	\$ 1,000,000	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
Haines - Third Avenue Street - Construction	\$ 900,000	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
Hydaburg - Saltry Point Road - Construction	\$ 991,444	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
Metlakatla - Walden Point Road Connector Road- Construction	\$ 695,093	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
<b>House District 6, Senate District C</b>			
Birch Creek Feasibility Study	\$ 272,910	Dick Alan	Albert Kookesh
Hughes - Moose Loop/Blueberry Road - Construction	\$ 716,000	Dick Alan	Albert Kookesh
Huslia - Road - Construction	\$ 750,000	Dick Alan	Albert Kookesh
Northway Housing Road - Design	\$ 181,940	Dick Alan	Albert Kookesh
<b>House District 36, Senate District R</b>			
Igiugig - Float Plane Lake Road - Construction	\$ 917,612	Alan Austerman	Gary Stevens
<b>House District 37, Senate District S</b>			
Chignik Lake - Culvert Replacement - Construction	\$ 175,000	Bryce Edgmon	Lyman Hoffman
<b>House District 38, Senate District S</b>			
Chefornak - Boardwalk Reconstruction	\$ 1,000,000	Bob Herron	Lyman Hoffman
Kwigillingok - ATV Trail - Design/Construction	\$ 113,712	Bob Herron	Lyman Hoffman
Toksook Bay - Community Roads - Construction	\$ 1,000,000	Bob Herron	Lyman Hoffman
<b>House Districts 39, Senate District T</b>			
Gambell - Evacuation Road - Construction	\$ 850,000	Neil Foster	Donny Olson
Hooper Bay - Design and Construction	\$ 134,647	Neil Foster	Donny Olson
Pitkas Point - Main Street Improvements - Preliminary Design	\$ 85,343	Neil Foster	Donny Olson
<b>House Districts 40, Senate District T</b>			
Buckland - River Bridge Design	\$ 68,227	Joule Reggie	Donny Olson
Buckland - Uptown Road Construction	\$ 554,000	Joule Reggie	Donny Olson
Point Lay - Subdivision Roads - Preliminary Design	\$ 478,400	Joule Reggie	Donny Olson
Selawik - Barge Landing Road and Boardwalk Improvements - Design	\$ 116,487	Joule Reggie	Donny Olson
Wainwright - Access Road - Construction	\$ 656,035	Joule Reggie	Donny Olson
<b>Total FY11 Road Projects</b>	<b>\$ 13,233,424</b>		

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FY11 Waterfront Development Projects**

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FY 11 Waterfront Development Project Selections - House/Senate District/Community/Project	Denali Commission Funding Amount	House Representative	Senator
<b>House District 1, Senate District A</b>			
Ketchikan - Bar Harbor Drive Down Ramp - New Start	\$ 100,000	Kyle Johansen	Bert Stedman
<b>House District 2, Senate District A</b>			
Wrangell - City Dock Rehabilitation - Construction	\$ 762,000	Peggy Wilson	Bert Stedman
<b>House District 5, Senate District C</b>			
Kake - Boat Launch Replacement - New Start	\$ 120,000	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
Tenakee Springs - Dock Improvements - Design	\$ 160,000	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
Hoonah - Upland Construction Work (Boat Haulout) - Construction	\$ 657,000	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
Hydaburg - Small Boat Harbor - Construction	\$ 1,000,000	Bill Thomas	Albert Kookesh
<b>House District 6, Senate District C</b>			
Holy Cross - Preliminary Engineering	\$ 120,000	Dick Alan	Albert Kookesh
<b>House District 35, Senate District R</b>			
Homer - Harbor Improvements - Design/New Start	\$ 440,000	Paul Seaton	Gary Stevens
Seward - Boat Harbor - New Start/Design	\$ 80,000	Paul Seaton	Gary Stevens
<b>House District 36, Senate District R</b>			
Igiugig - Barge Landing - Final Design/Construction	\$ 502,044	Alan Austerman	Gary Stevens
Illiamna - Dock Rehabilitation - Final Design/Construction	\$ 608,000	Alan Austerman	Gary Stevens
Kokhanok - Barge Landing - Final Design/Construction	\$ 326,384	Alan Austerman	Gary Stevens
Kodiak Island Borough - Anton Larson Dock Improvements - Design	\$ 80,000	Alan Austerman	Gary Stevens
Ouzinkie - Dock Replacement - Construction	\$ 1,000,000	Alan Austerman	Gary Stevens
<b>House District 37, Senate District S</b>			
Unalaska - Distressed Vessel Moorage - Preliminary Engineering	\$ 200,000	Bryce Edgmon	Lyman Hoffman
False Pass - Harbor Utility Project - Construction	\$ 996,461	Bryce Edgmon	Lyman Hoffman
Akutan - City Dock Improvements - Design	\$ 48,000	Bryce Edgmon	Lyman Hoffman
Togiak - Transit Facility Improvements - Final Design/Construction	\$ 40,000	Bryce Edgmon	Lyman Hoffman
<b>House District 38, Senate District S</b>			
Bethel - City Dock East Wing Wall - Design	\$ 200,000	Bob Herron	Lyman Hoffman
<b>House Districts 38 &amp; 36, Senate Districts S &amp; C</b>			
Mooring Points -Phase III - Design/Construction	\$ 1,680,000	Bob Herron, Alan Austerman	Lyman Hoffman, Albert Kookesh
<b>House Districts 40, 6, &amp; 39, Senate Districts T &amp; C</b>			
Mooring Points -Phase IV-Design/Construction	\$ 3,920,000	Joule Reggie, Dick Alan, Neil Foster	Donny Olson, Albert Kookesh
Nome - Port and Harbor Improvements - Construction	\$ 666,508	Neil Foster	Donny Olson
Saint Michael - Barge Landing/Port - New Start	\$ 120,000	Neil Foster	Donny Olson
Kotzebue - Swan Lake Improvements - Construction	\$ 800,000	Joule Reggie	Donny Olson
Statewide Barge Landing Site Investigations	\$ 200,000	Neil Foster, Bob Herron, Bryce Edgmon	Donny Olson, Lyman Hoffman
<b>Total FY11 Waterfront Development Projects</b>	<b>\$ 14,826,397</b>		

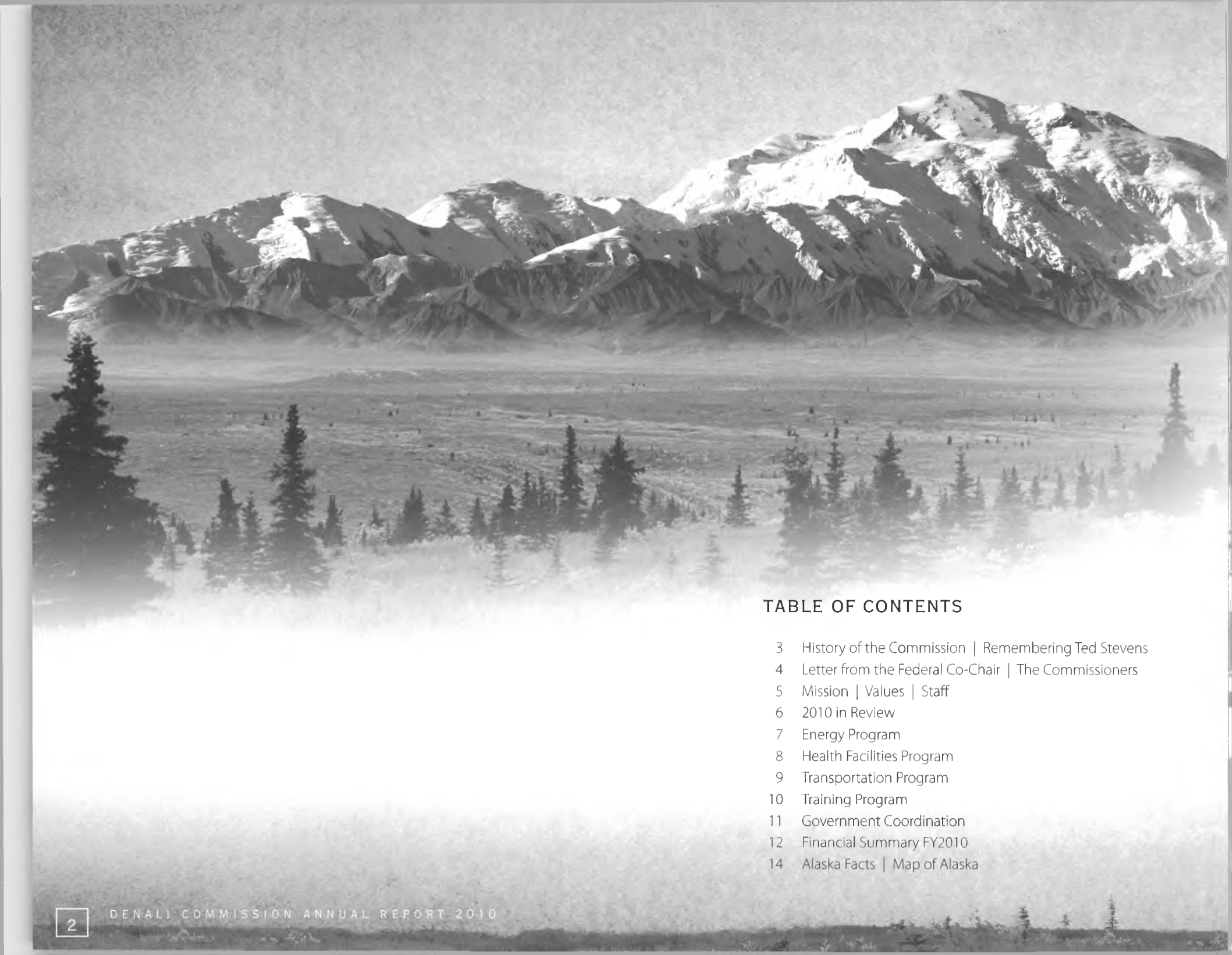
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## HISTORY OF THE COMMISSION

Denali Commission (Commission) is an innovative independent federal-state partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and support for economic development in Alaska by delivering federal services in the most cost-effective manner possible.

The Commission was created to find solutions, both immediate and long-term, to the inequities between rural Alaska and the rest of America. Initially, the Commission's primary objective was to provide reliable power and healthcare to every community while securing contamination threats to the environment.

Since inception in 1998, the Commission has been extraordinarily effective at accelerating the delivery of badly needed infrastructure projects. The Commission is widely regarded as efficient and necessary by the people in rural Alaska and by private sector and government partners.

The Commission has a lengthy history that demonstrates the agency's ability to not only respond to critical infrastructure needs, but also provide innovative solutions that work in rural Alaskan environments. Examples include the installation of efficient and reliable generators and switchgear equipment that power schools, homes and healthcare facilities. The Commission has replaced or repaired fuel storage facilities so they have appropriate, code compliant capacity. The Commission's work in the Health Facilities Program has enabled communities to design and construct clinics throughout the entire state and has made an enormous impact in the lives and health of rural Alaskans. The Commission has built roads and provided harbor access for rural communities which serve as the essential lifeblood of a thriving community. To help ensure that these projects are sustainable, the Commission has initiated job training and economic development projects to complement its investment in infrastructure.

We invite you, in the following pages, to see the past work of the Commission and reflect on a government agency that is making dramatic progress in the nation's least developed area. The Denali Commission is a model of effective, innovative government. In these pages, witness our vision for a better Alaska, and a stronger America.

Denali Commission Act - (Title III of Public Law 105-277, 42 USC 3121)



In Memory of  
Senator Ted Stevens  
1923 – 2010

*"My future is in God's hands. The future of Alaska, however, is in your hands."*

In 1998 Senator Ted Stevens focused national attention on the immense infrastructure and economic challenges faced by rural Alaskan communities when he authored the Denali Commission Act. The Act became law on October 21, 1998. The Denali Commission, with its unique scope and breadth of services, has helped change the face of rural Alaska.



JOEL NEIMEYER  
Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission

## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES: THE NEXT DECADE OF THE DENALI COMMISSION

Change is upon us at the Denali Commission (Commission) as we embark on our second decade of critical infrastructure development in Alaska. For twelve years the Commission has administered over \$1 billion dollars in basic infrastructure, training, and economic development projects in Alaska's remote communities. The Commission's funding, along with all the leveraged funding from other program partners, has improved the standard of living across the state and has provided rural residents with access to fundamental facilities and opportunities that many urban residents take for granted. Over these past twelve years, the Commission has:

- Completed 97 code compliant bulk fuel tank farms and 55 rural power system upgrades in rural Alaska communities.
- With numerous partners, including the State of Alaska, we are engaged in the development and construction of alternative and renewable energy projects, including wind turbines, hydro, geothermal and biomass.
- Completed 114 clinics with an additional 11 clinics currently under construction. The Commission has 27 health facility projects that are in the conceptual planning or design phases.
- Completed 33 road projects and 42 waterfront development projects. Eighty-two road and waterfront development projects are currently in the planning, design or construction phase.
- Partnered with numerous agencies, including the State of Alaska, and leveraged millions of dollars. Since 2006, for example, the Commission's \$478 million in program dollars were matched by the State of Alaska with \$106 million and an additional \$460 million from other funding sources.

The Commission is in its next decade and its next phase of growth. While we have accomplished much in our first decade, we recognize there are many rural communities still waiting for code compliant bulk fuel tank farms, roads, small boat harbors, clinics and training opportunities.

Although our funding has decreased in the past four years, the relevance and necessity of the Commission is clear. The need for partnerships, leveraging of dollars and collaboration are all the more apparent in this economy. This is the very foundation the Denali Commission was built upon years ago and it will be the foundation of our future efforts as we adjust in these changing times. This coming year the Commission will look at reauthorization opportunities, review organizational restructuring models and work to continue the necessary project development activities in which we have excelled for over a decade. We are excited about our future prospects and our future course as we work with program partners on rural development issues.

I am proud to share this annual report which showcases the work of the Commission in FY2010. The next decade holds challenges for the agency which will highlight our strengths and adaptability as we continue to serve Alaska.

Joel Neimeyer  
Federal Co-Chair

## COMMISSIONERS

The Denali Commission Act teams seven leading Alaska policy makers together. Commissioners meet at least twice a year to develop and monitor an annual work plan that guides the Commission's activities. Commissioners draw upon community-based comprehensive plans as well as comments from individuals, organizations, partners and staff to guide funding decisions. This approach helps provide basic services in the most cost-effective manner by moving the problem solving resources closer to the people best able to implement solutions.

**JOEL NEIMEYER**  
Federal Co-Chair  
Denali Commission

**KAREN REHFELD**  
State Co-Chair  
Director of the Office of Management  
& Budget, State of Alaska

**VINCE BELTRAMI**  
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Executive Director  
Associated General Contractors of Alaska

**KATHIE WASSERMAN**  
Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League

## MISSION

The Denali Commission works with partners to develop basic public infrastructure, opportunity, and quality of life in Alaska communities.

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## VALUES

### CATALYST FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

The Commission will be an organization through which agencies of government, including tribal governments, may collaborate, guided by the people of Alaska, to aggressively do the right things in the right ways.

### RESPECT FOR PEOPLE AND CULTURES

The Commission will be guided by the people of Alaska in seeking to preserve the principles of self-determination, respect for diversity, and consideration of the rights of individuals.

### INCLUSIVE

The Commission will provide the opportunity for all interested parties to participate in decision making and will carefully reflect their input in the design, selection, and implementation of programs and projects.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The Commission will promote programs and projects that meet the current needs of communities and provide for the anticipated needs of future generations.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

The Commission will set measurable standards of effectiveness and efficiency for both internal and external activities. Priority will be generally given to projects with substantial cost sharing.

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(Detail from RurAL CAP)

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(Detail from USDA-Rural Development)

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Federal Co-Chair

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(Detail from The Alaska Legislature)

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### PAYTON SNIDER

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### BETTY SORENSEN

Grants Administrator

## 2010 IN REVIEW



### OVERVIEW OF THE DENALI COMMISSION

Modeled after the Appalachian Regional Commission, Congress created the Denali Commission twelve years ago with a vision to deliver the services of the federal government in the most cost-effective manner, provide job training and other economic development services in rural Alaska communities and promote rural development by meeting basic infrastructure needs. This small, independent federal agency is charged to move quickly to tackle systemic issues of rural development by listening to rural Alaskan's concerns, and working with the State of Alaska, local communities and tribes to build basic community infrastructure and sustain rural economies.

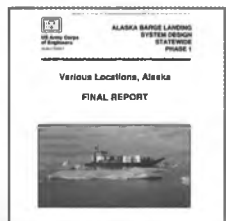
The Denali Commission's infrastructure projects throughout the state proceed in an efficient, transparent manner with the involvement of the people they serve. Over 2,100 projects have been funded by the Denali Commission in nearly every Alaskan community in numerous program areas.



### DENALI COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Denali Commission has used an Advisory Committee model to review and update policies, guide the Commission, and provide more robust program outcomes. These committees have formed and developed over the years and continue to play a critical role in advising Commissioners, the Federal and State Co-Chairs and program staff.

Health Steering Committee / 1999  
Transportation Advisory Committee / 2006  
Economic Development Advisory Committee / 2007  
Energy Advisory Committee / 2007  
Training Advisory Committee / 2007  
Federal Financial Management Advisory Committee / 2007



### BARGE LANDING STUDY COMPLETED

The Denali Commission completed the 2009 Barge Landing Study (BLS) with the help of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The BLS will provide rural communities, barge operators, and state as well as federal agencies with a catalog of existing barge landing facilities, and an improvement needs list by community. The catalog also provides users with potential design solutions that can address basic infrastructure needs.



Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke (L) with Joel Neimeyer, Federal Co-Chair.

### NEW FEDERAL CO-CHAIR IN 2010

Joel Neimeyer became the first Alaska Native Federal Co-Chair at the Denali Commission on January 2010. "I'm excited to be a part of the Commission's next decade. This new decade brings new challenges and I look forward to being a part of this dynamic organization", stated Neimeyer.



### RIGHTSIZING CLINICS IN RURAL ALASKA

As energy and construction costs have risen over time, it became apparent that the smallest of the Denali Commission health clinic prototypes was not "right-sized" for communities in Alaska with fewer than 100 residents. The partners of the Health Program are meeting this challenge through the development of new prototype clinic designs that are less than 1,000 square feet in size. The new designs can accommodate energy efficiencies and alternative energy methods as they become proven and cost-effective for rural Alaska. The first pilot of the small clinic design will be deployed in the spring of 2011.



### DENALI COMMISSION'S 100TH CLINIC PROJECT

The Dahl Memorial Clinic in Skagway marked the completion of the Denali Commission's 100th clinic project in June 2010. At the close of FY10 the Denali Commission has contributed to the construction of 114 clinics statewide. See more on the Skagway project on the Health Facilities Program page.



### FINANCE LINE OF BUSINESS

The Commission has worked diligently to improve and enhance our program delivery internally. On October 1, 2009 the Commission implemented the Financial Line of Business through the Administrative Resource Center, Bureau of Public Debt, U.S. Treasury. This significant change has enhanced controls over financial reporting and provided Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act compliance. Implementation of these types of important procedures enhances the Commission's program delivery and strengthens Commission grants management practices.

## ENERGY PROGRAM

The Denali Commission's Energy Program began in 1999. The primary goals of this program are to address environmental compliance issues while also improving energy efficiency, decreasing diesel consumption, and exploring alternative-renewable options. Projects for bulk fuel tank construction and rural power system upgrades (RPSU) are identified from statewide deficiency lists. The Commission continues to comply with the Administration's initiative to reduce dependence on foreign oil by investigating renewable energy projects across Alaska such as wind, hydro, geothermal and emerging technologies. Specifically, the area of emerging technologies is a priority for the Commission.

### TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING USES FY1999 - 2010



### EAGLE HYDROKINETIC TURBINE PROJECT



The Commission provided funding to the Alaska Power and Telephone Company (APT) for a demonstration project in Eagle, Alaska. The hydrokinetic in-river turbine mirrors fish wheels used by villagers to harvest salmon, but instead captures natural energy produced by the majestic Yukon River. The turbine's four blunt-edged blades are suspended by an anchored pontoon barge and spins at a rate of just 22 revolutions per minute. Energy is transferred to a power line beneath the river floor onto shore where the electricity is distributed to the power grid for the community.

In the summer of 2010, the turbine produced 15 to 17 kilowatts which could supply about a quarter of Eagle's electricity needs. Efforts are underway to address potential impacts on fish, (which, so far, are thought to be minimal), managing debris during times of heavy rain fall and inoperability during winter months when the river is frozen.

Alternative and renewable energy continues to be a priority for the Commission in addressing the challenges of small remote communities off the electrical grid and road systems.

### PROJECTS FUNDED

- Bulk Fuel Storage
- Community Power Generation and Rural Power System Upgrades
- Energy Cost Reduction Projects
- Renewable, Alternative, and Emerging Energy Technologies
- Power Line Interties

### PROGRAM STAFF

Denali Daniels *Senior Program Manager*  
Jodi Fondy *Deputy Program Manager*

### KWETHLUK RURAL POWER SYSTEM UPGRADE



The Commission, in partnership with the State of Alaska, Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), funded a new power plant in Kwethluk, Alaska. The community of nearly 800 residents lies at the junction of the Kuskokwim and Kwethluk Rivers in western Alaska and is accessible by air year round and by barge or boat during the summer months. The new power plant includes three energy efficient generators, a control panel with automatic load sensing and paralleling capabilities to ensure the most efficient combination of generation is utilized, heat recovery to the high school, and remote monitoring to allow trouble shooting from AEA's office in Anchorage. The new power plant was completed and brought on line in February 2010 and immediately achieved over 12% efficiencies, which equated to a savings of nearly 6,000 gallons of diesel between February and June 2010. In addition, it is estimated that the school district will save 12,000 gallons of diesel through use of the heat recovery system, which will eliminate approximately 134 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, in 2010.

## HEALTH FACILITIES PROGRAM

The Health Facilities Program is a collaborative effort which methodically invests in regional networks of primary care clinics across Alaska. In addition to clinic design and construction, the program has expanded to support infrastructure needs in behavioral health, dental care, domestic violence facilities, elder housing, primary care in hospitals, emergency medical services equipment and hospital designs.

Since the inception of this program, the Denali Commission has made a monumental impact in the lives and health of rural Alaskans by contributing to the conceptual planning, business planning and design and construction of needed health facilities throughout the state.

### TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING USES FY1999 - 2010

29.1%  
HEALTH FACILITIES

#### PROJECTS FUNDED

Primary Care Facilities  
Behavioral Health Facilities  
Elder Housing/Assisted Living Facilities  
Primary Care in Hospitals

#### PROGRAM STAFF

Nancy Merriman *Senior Program Manager*  
Kathy Berzanske *Deputy Program Manager*

### THE NEW AKHIOK CLINIC



Collaboration led by the Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) brought the Akhiok clinic to completion in September 2009. KANA collaborated with the City of Akhiok, the Akhiok Tribal Council, the Denali Commission, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Indian Health Service to bring this 1,500 square foot clinic to completion in a year's time. The previous clinic was located in a two-bedroom home not adequately equipped for medical care delivery. Rightsizing clinics for smaller communities in rural Alaska is a priority of the Denali Commission Health Facilities Program.

### SKAGWAY CLINIC



Many years ago E.A. and Jenny Rasmuson spied a special site in Skagway they knew would be perfect for a future health facility. That vision became a reality in June 2010, when the health center was opened. This striking state-of-the-art health clinic is a 14,531 square foot facility and includes nine exam rooms, three urgent care rooms, space for physical therapy, audiometry, and optometry, lab, x-ray and three dental operatories. Partnerships made this a successful project – with the in-kind and funding support of Rasmuson Foundation, the City of Skagway, the State of Alaska, and the Denali Commission.

## TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Denali Commission Transportation Program began in 2005. This program focuses on basic road improvement needs and waterfront development connecting rural Alaskans through roads and critical waterways. The road program targets basic road improvement needs. It also looks at opportunities to connect rural communities to one another and the state highway system, and ways to enhance rural economic development. The waterfront development program addresses port, harbor and other waterfront needs for rural communities. The emerging focus areas are improvements to regional ports, and construction of barge landings and docking facilities.

### TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING USES FY1999 - 2010

11.1%  
TRANSPORTATION

#### PROJECTS FUNDED

Local Roads and Boardwalks  
ATV Roads  
Community Connection and Economic Development Roads  
Regional Ports and Local Small Boat Harbors  
Barge Landings

#### PROGRAM STAFF

Tessa DeLong *Senior Program Manager*  
Adison Smith *Program Assistant*

### GULKANA COMMUNITY ROADS RECONSTRUCTION



The Gulkana road project is a long awaited project that reconstructs the main road into and through the village of Gulkana. In 2006, the Denali Commission partnered with the Native Village of Gulkana on this early Transportation Program project.

During the design phase of the project, it became clear that water and sewer utilities bedded in the roadway were failing. Rather than proceed with the road construction as scheduled in 2008, the Commission, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Native Village of Gulkana agreed to put the road project in abeyance so the community could seek utility reconstruction funds to include in an overall repair project. In 2009, USDA, Rural Utilities approved a water-sewer reconstruction project and provided funding.

This combination of funds and construction phases improves overall costs to both components of work and preempted the possibility of a water-sewer project tearing up a recently reconstructed road.

### CHEVAK BARGE LANDING MOORING POINTS



Mooring points provide safe and secure anchorage for boats and barges. The necessity for mooring points in rural Alaska is prevalent and of great concern to the Advisory Committee of the Transportation Program.

In many communities, barges are held against the coast shoreline or river banks by tugs under power while transfers are completed. Transfers under these conditions create near shore environmental impacts and create safety challenges for tug and barge workers and shore-side employees.

The Chevak mooring points project is a prototype installation of a new mooring system for rural Alaska communities that is the result of two years of investigations into barge operation needs throughout western and Arctic Alaska. Safe and efficient transfer of fuel and freight in rural communities is the end goal of this important project.

## TRAINING PROGRAM

The Denali Commission has established a high performing workforce in rural Alaska focused on jobs and careers in construction, energy and health care. The Commission's alignment of infrastructure development and workforce development has created hundreds of construction and allied health jobs in communities where unemployment is at critical levels. A State of Alaska Department of Labor Research and Analysis report on the Commission's Training Program shows that training has increased wages of program participants by a staggering 64.4% and shows a 12.1% increase in employment.

As the Commission funds projects for new clinics, roads, and power plants, it also builds sustainability into those projects by providing training for local residents to maintain and operate the new facilities.

### TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING USES FY1999 - 2010

4.5%

### TRAINING

#### PROJECTS FUNDED

Allied Health Professions  
Construction Trades  
Facility Operations and Maintenance  
Administration of Public Infrastructure

#### PROGRAM STAFF

Karen Johnson *Program Manager*

### ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS



Alaska Natives have a much higher risk of suffering from dental problems. This, in part, is due to the lack of dental health services in many rural areas of Alaska. In 2000, the Commission began integrating dental suites into many of its newly constructed health facilities which provided dedicated dental space for the first time ever. Soon after, the Commission joined other funders and regional Native health corporations to support the Alaska Dental Health Aide Therapist program (DHAT). Since 2007, DHAT has had 17 graduates who have become the designated Dental Health Aide Therapists in their home towns, providing much needed dental services including preventative care and education.

### DISTANCE EDUCATION FOR RURAL ALASKANS



A young mother working in the Bethel Hospital enrolled in the University of Alaska's Limited Radiography Program; a program made available through distance learning by a Denali Commission funded initiative. This learning method allowed her to stay home in Bethel, continue working and taking care of her family. It was just a few years ago that students could only develop these skills by gaining admission into a two-year degree program in Anchorage. Now Nina Menegak could participate, even though hundreds of miles separated her from her instructors in Anchorage. Nina completed the four-course Radiology Occupational Endorsement program and the area hospital put her new skills to work. Nina's success in these courses led her to recognize her own capabilities. She gradually tackled other college courses, successfully completing the distance-delivered AAS Radiography Program while remaining in Bethel, one of the University of Alaska Anchorage's clinical sites.

## GOVERNMENT COORDINATION

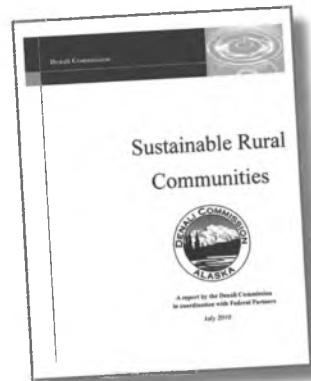


The Denali Commission (Commission) is charged with the special role of increasing government effectiveness. The Commission does so by acting as a catalyst and strategic partner for many federal and state programs in Alaska. The Commission joined others in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines the roles of agencies in coordinating resources and efforts in areas such as community planning, sustainability, data sharing and coordination of pre-construction activities. This MOU served as the basis for creating several multi-agency workgroups and cooperative projects that have increased overall government effectiveness. The MOU was amended in 2003 with increased participation from both state and federal partners and renewed once again in 2008. This renewed effort focuses efforts on improving the channels of communications among the leaders of all federal and state agencies with an emphasis on critical issues that affect the entire state of Alaska: the high cost of energy, outmigration, and coordination of efforts among all government agencies.

## SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES PROJECT

The Commission plays a key role in coordinating the myriad of federal, state and tribal programs that affect rural Alaska. Through senior leadership forums, workgroups and advisory committees, we work effectively to leverage dollars, produce meaningful outcomes, and deliver innovative and sustainable projects.

As a convener and coordinator, in 2010 the Commission developed and published the Sustainable Rural Communities report.



Phase I of this project involved gathering the federal partners together to collaborate on the development of the Sustainable Rural Communities report. This document takes a hard look at the barriers to developing and maintaining sustainable rural communities, as defined by the federal partners and, in some cases, offers possible solutions to those barriers.

Phase II of this project involves input and comments from our partners and the public at-large. After comments are compiled, an addendum to the already informative document, is set to be completed by the end of 2010.

Phase III of this project begins the actual implementation of the proposed efforts outlined in the report, efforts like the Regional Forum concept. The goal of this overall effort is collaborative transparency and improved government effectiveness. Watch our website as this project unfolds.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

At any given time Denali Commission staff and partners are engaged with several hundred grants and/or projects in various stages of planning, design and construction. Program partners range from large line agencies to small village-level organizations. The ability to deliver timely, sustainable projects with the right level and type of oversight and guidance, while also being nimble and agile, requires constant attention. Commission leadership emphasizes the paramount importance of public integrity, transparency and accountability. The Commission maintains an aggressive staff training program and uses the latest in grant processing technology through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. During 2010 staff received training from the Office of Management & Budget, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Government Accountability Office. To keep staff size at an optimum level, the Commission contracts with other federal "lines of business" at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt to provide services in the areas of finance, human resources, procurement and travel. In addition, for the advancement of governmental accountability, the Commission relies on a network of federal experts through its Federal Financial Management Advisory Committee, which include members from U.S. Treasury, Office of Management and Budget and the Association of Government Accountants.

**FUNDING SOURCES FY2010**

Energy & Water Development Bill.....	\$ 11,965,000
Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund (TAPL) .....	\$ 7,142,869
USDA Rural Utilities Service Funds.....	\$ 8,000,000
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Funds.....	\$ 10,000,000
Federal Transit Administration.....	\$ 5,000,000
U.S. Department of Transportation (Obligating Authority).....	\$ 16,337,855
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 58,445,724</b>

**FUNDING USES**

Energy Program.....	\$24,430,725
Health Facilities Program .....	\$9,500,000
Transportation Program .....	\$20,270,962
Training Program .....	\$1,000,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$55,201,687</b>

# FY1999 - 2010

## FUNDING SOURCES (TOTAL FUNDING IN MILLIONS)

	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
	\$20.0	\$25.0	\$66.4	\$97.3	\$99.2	\$120.5	\$140.1	\$140.6	\$133.8	\$108.9	\$74.5	\$58.4
U.S. Department of Labor						\$5.0	\$6.9	\$6.9	\$6.9	\$6.8	\$3.4	
U.S. Department of the Interior							\$1.0					
U.S. Department of Transportation (FTA & FHWA)								\$25.0	\$18.4	\$25.5	\$23.5	\$21.3
Energy & Water Appropriation	\$20.0	\$20.0	\$30.0	\$38.0	\$48.0	\$55.0	\$66.5	\$49.5	\$49.5	\$21.8	\$11.8	\$12.0
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.5	\$4.0					
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services			\$10.0	\$19.9	\$27.2	\$34.7	\$39.5	\$39.3	\$39.3	\$38.6	\$19.6	\$10.0
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development						\$2.0	\$1.3					
USDA Rural Utilities Service			\$15.0	\$25.0	\$18.5	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$10.0	\$8.5	\$8.0
USDA Solid Waste						\$1.0	\$1.5	\$0.7	\$0.7	\$0.4	\$0.4	
Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund		\$5.0	\$11.4	\$11.4	\$2.5	\$4.3	\$4.4	\$4.2	\$4.0	\$5.8	\$7.3	\$7.1

## FUNDING USES

Total.....	\$1,029,668,499	FY1999 - 2010	
Community Facilities and Other Programs.....	\$95,835,934	9.3%	
Economic Development Program.....	\$13,781,527	1.3%	
Energy Program.....	\$460,055,007	44.7%	
Health Facilities Program.....	\$299,590,724	29.1%	
Training Program.....	\$46,278,207	4.5%	
Transportation Program.....	\$114,127,100	11.1%	

# ALASKA'S UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

Alaska supports one of the most productive commercial fishing economies in the world. Forty-two percent of the world's harvest of wild salmon and 80 percent of the production of high value wild salmon species such as sockeye, king and coho salmon are from Alaska.

**42%** OF THE WORLD'S WILD SALMON COMES FROM ALASKA

**ALASKA = 375** MILLION ACRES\*

### OWNERSHIP OF ALASKA IN MILLIONS OF ACRES

National Parks, Refuges, and Forests.....	151
State Land .....	105
Other Federal Land.....	70
Alaska Native Corporations .....	44
Individual Private .....	3
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\*Excludes tidelands and inland navigable bodies of water.  
Source: Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska.

**\$4 TO \$1**  
ALASKA STATE \$2.4 BILLION DENALI COMMISSION \$.6 BILLION

During the time period 2005 - 2010, the State of Alaska appropriated almost \$4 dollars for every \$1 dollar that the Denali Commission contributed towards Alaska's rural community facilities, economic development, energy, health, training and transportation.

A Commission funded new bulk fuel storage facility was completed in Ruby, Alaska in 2010. This facility has a combined capacity of 247,000 gallons of diesel and gasoline which is used to power diesel fired generators for electricity, heating homes and for vehicles. Fuel is delivered once or twice a year, weather dependent. Environmentally safe, code compliant storage facilities like this one are the lifeblood of the community.



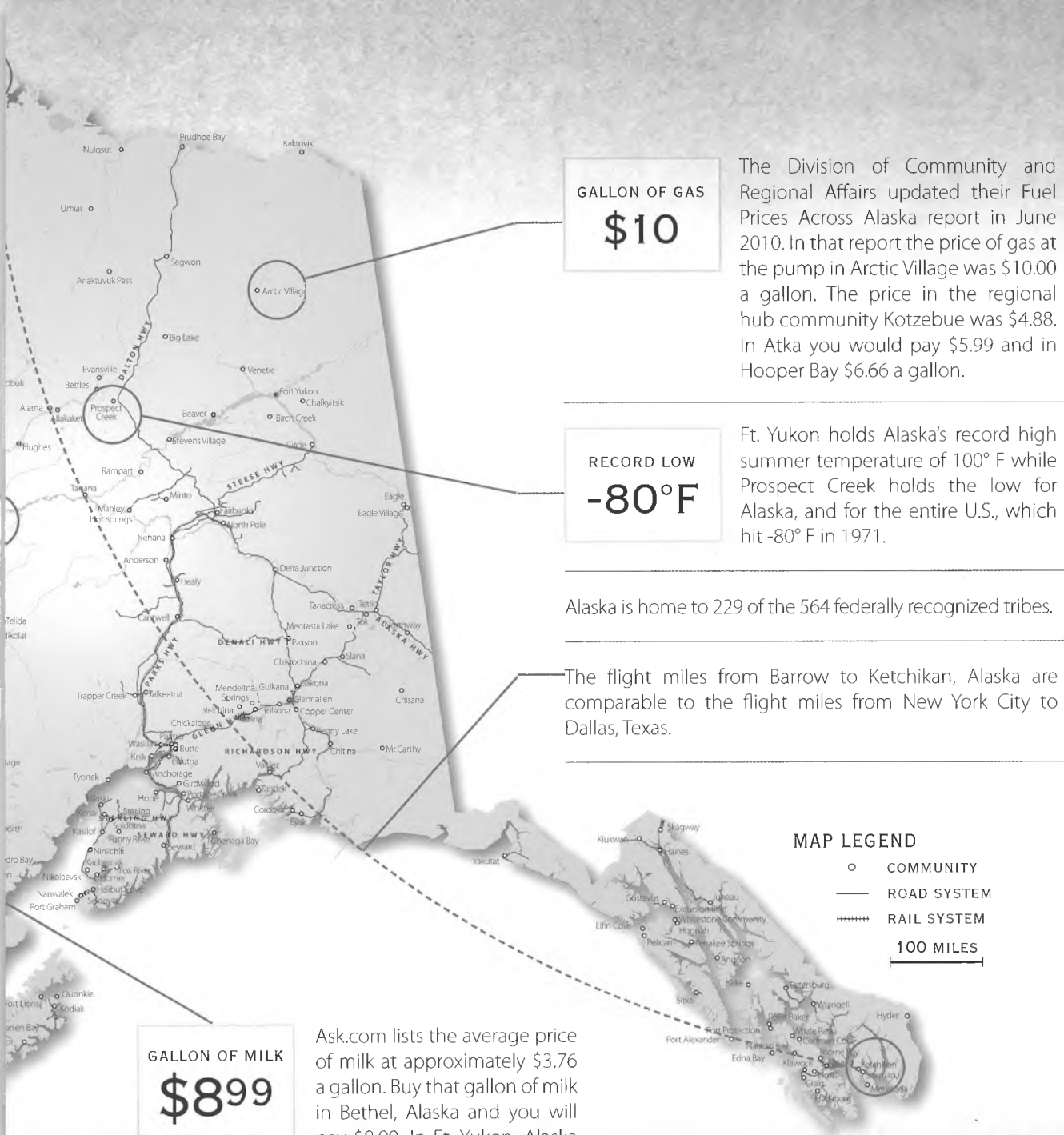
Three Commission funded wind turbines were installed in Kasigluk in 2006. Since then, 134,641 gallons of diesel fuel have been offset, which totals \$353,583 in savings. In 2010 alone, 45,966 gallons of diesel were offset totaling \$181,564 in savings.

**3** WIND TURBINES = **\$353,583** IN SAVINGS SINCE 2006

In December, a typical home in Anchorage, Alaska could pay an average of \$146/month for electricity. The same home in Seattle, Washington pays \$93/month. Napakiak, Alaska residents could pay over \$1,100 a month for that same home size at their current rates.

THE ELECTRIC BILL IN DECEMBER  
**\$1,189**





GALLON OF GAS  
**\$10**

The Division of Community and Regional Affairs updated their Fuel Prices Across Alaska report in June 2010. In that report the price of gas at the pump in Arctic Village was \$10.00 a gallon. The price in the regional hub community Kotzebue was \$4.88. In Atka you would pay \$5.99 and in Hooper Bay \$6.66 a gallon.

RECORD LOW  
**-80°F**

Ft. Yukon holds Alaska's record high summer temperature of 100° F while Prospect Creek holds the low for Alaska, and for the entire U.S., which hit -80° F in 1971.

Alaska is home to 229 of the 564 federally recognized tribes.

The flight miles from Barrow to Ketchikan, Alaska are comparable to the flight miles from New York City to Dallas, Texas.

GALLON OF MILK  
**\$8.99**

Ask.com lists the average price of milk at approximately \$3.76 a gallon. Buy that gallon of milk in Bethel, Alaska and you will pay \$8.99. In Ft. Yukon, Alaska you will have to buy two half gallons and pay \$12.58.



**ALASKA IS OVER TWICE THE SIZE OF TEXAS**

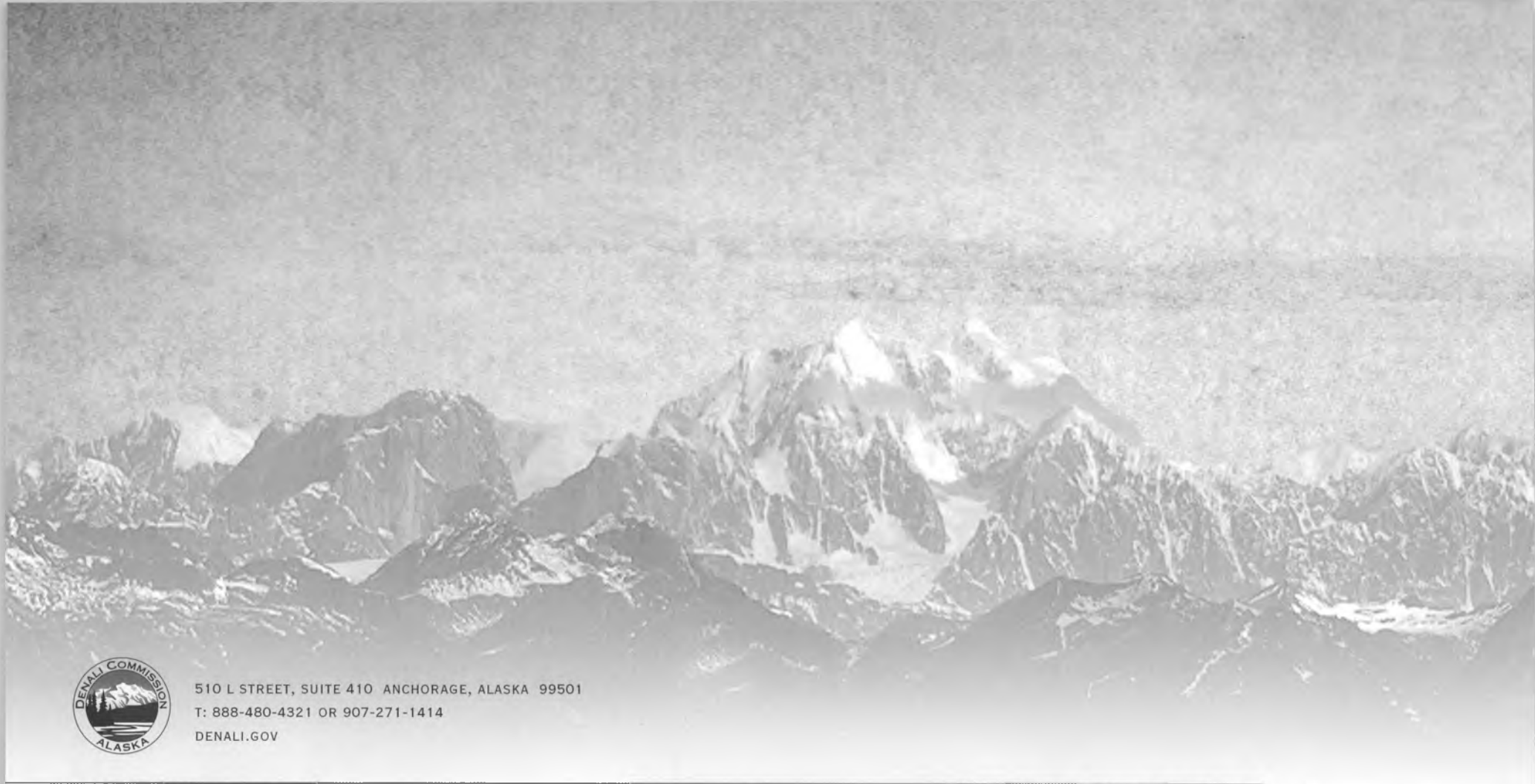
Alaska is 656,425 square miles (2 1/2 times the size of Texas), has 3 million lakes over 20 acres in size (compared with Minnesota's 10,000 lakes), has an estimated 10,000 glaciers (covering nearly 5% of the state), holds 80% of all active volcanoes in the U.S. and 39 mountain ranges containing 17 of the 20 highest peaks in the U.S.

Alaska has the highest number of pilots per capita of any U.S. state. For every 100 people, Alaska has 1.3 pilots, Montana is second highest with .4 pilots per every 100 people. Because of the very limited highway access for rural communities, air travel remains an essential form of transportation in Alaska.



Rural residents rely on ATV's and snowmachines as a primary mode of transportation. All terrain vehicles can be used year round, while snowmachines, or snowmobiles, are used only in the winter months. The lack of improved roads in communities, and between communities, makes these vehicles necessary for basic transportation.





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