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Alaska Railroad selects construction management contractor for Tanana River Bridge

Northern Rail Extension Phase One gets underway

Anchorage, AK — The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) and Kiewit Pacific Co. signed a contract today that awards Kiewit construction management and general contracting (CMGC) work for Phase One of the Northern Rail Extension. The first phase includes the Tanana River bridge and levee near Salcha, Alaska.

Kiewit Corporation is one of the largest employee-owned construction firms in the nation and has been working in Alaska for more than 60 years. Projects have included the Glenn-Parks (highways) Interchange in Wasilla and the Whittier Access Tunnel. Kiewit was also responsible for the 1,513 foot-long Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington, which was the first long-span construction bridge built in the United States since 1964.

“Kiewit Pacific Co. is a local contractor with robust national resources and support,” said ARRC Project Manager Brian Lindamood. “We are confident in Kiewit’s ability to build what will ultimately be the largest bridge in the state.”

Key elements of Phase One include final design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, material procurement and construction. Funding for the first phase includes \$104 million in Department of Defense appropriations, and a \$40 million appropriation in the state’s capital budget. Phase One of the Northern Rail Extension will create approximately 100 temporary construction jobs, and completion of the entire project is expected to create up to five permanent positions in Salcha.

“Hiring Kiewit brings us one step closer to improving transportation options for the United States military, for mass transit, and for freight movement within Alaska. This project will put Alaskans to work and is a win-win for ARRC, the state, and our economy,” concluded Bill O’Leary, ARRC Interim President/CEO and Chief Financial Officer.

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Phase One construction is anticipated to begin in late 2010. The Alaska Railroad will host a public open house in Salcha in late fall.

The Northern Rail Extension entails an 80-mile long rail line that extends rail infrastructure from North Pole to Delta Junction. The new rail line will provide freight and potential future passenger rail services that serve commercial interests and communities in Interior Alaska. The extension will be operated as part of the Alaska Railroad system. As a common carrier, the line will be available to the general public, commercial, and military shippers including agricultural and resource development businesses.

More information is available on the project web site: <http://www.northernrailextension.com>

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