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AEA Launches Commercial Energy Audit Program Geared Toward Energy Efficiency in Private Commercial Sector

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) announced the opening of the application period for its Alaska Commercial Energy Audit Program. Owners of eligible commercial buildings throughout Alaska may be reimbursed up to \$6,500 for a qualifying energy audit. The program is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and is expected to provide up to 150 commercial energy audits.

“This program is designed to equip private sector commercial building owners with the information they need to make smart business decisions about their energy use,” said AEA Acting Executive Director Mike Harper. “The energy audit reports will specify energy efficiency measures that can be implemented, how much energy can be saved, and how fast those measures will pay for themselves.”

The Alaska Commercial Energy Audit Program will reimburse eligible applicants the cost of an energy audit up to a specified dollar limit on a per square foot basis. Eligible buildings are commercial buildings, including non-profit owned, up to 125,000 square feet. Building tenants are not eligible, but may refer the building owner to the program.

AEA must receive completed applications by 4:30 PM Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

Program guidelines, the application form and related documents can be found at www.akenergyauthority.org/EfficiencyAudits.html. Applicants may also contact Energy Efficiency and Conservation Project Manager Sean Skaling by e-mail at sskaling@aidea.org, or telephone (907) 771-3079.

Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state whose mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

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