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AIDEA Debunks Report and Announces Independent Economic Analysis

AIDEA will be submitting an RFP to retain an Alaskan firm to conduct an independent economic analysis.

(Anchorage) – At a press event on Thursday, September 29, 2022, AIDEA announced it will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure a 3rd party firm to conduct an independent economic analysis of AIDEA’s financial performance for increased transparency and awareness for Alaskans.

AIDEA stated that the RFP will be released in the near future with the intent to complete the analysis by the end of 2022 as quickly, but also as thoroughly, as possible. AIDEA’s procurement team will be following AIDEA’s procurement regulations and look forward to announcing the selected firm in the near future.

“We want the Alaskan public to know how our loan programs and projects are benefitting them, enhancing job opportunities for them and their families, and how the economic contributions AIDEA is making to our state are profitable and growing. AIDEA has nothing to hide. Our financials are available on our website. I welcome anyone to come talk to me if you have questions about our mission, our statutory requirements for creating jobs, or our charge for economic benefits for Alaskans,” said AIDEA Executive Director, Alan Weitzner.

The need for a truly independent and credible economic analysis was determined after a politically motivated report and was released by a special interest group opposed to certain development project undertakings by the Authority. “Undermining the hard work of AIDEA employees with **disinformation being stated as fact** is detrimental to Alaska’s economy and prospects for the future. It is seeking to detract from the hard work and progress being made toward advancing crucial infrastructure projects within the state that lead to jobs, If they really were concerned about the welfare of Alaskans, they would stop this disinformation.” added AIDEA Executive Director Alan Weitzner.

Interested, qualified firms are encouraged to submit their proposal to the designated procurement officer upon release of the RFP.

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