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Governor Sean Parnell  
STATE OF ALASKA

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Mr. Ron Miller  
Coordinator  
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3300 Arctic Boulevard, Suite 203  
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Dear Mr. Miller,

The Parnell-Campbell administration remains focused on growing our economy. To do this, we are creating an environment more conducive to private sector investment and sustainability.

For these reasons, we support the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development's (APED) efforts to develop an Alaska Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (ACEDS). We understand APED's goal is development of a long-term vision and framework resulting in sound economic policies, promoting creation of economic wealth, and ensuring a high quality of life for every Alaskan. We thank the Denali Commission for the financial support that made this project possible.

We appreciate APED's initiative on this important and timely effort. While we understand the information and strategies developed through this process are intended for use by public officials and public entities, we hope it will be useful for anyone interested in Alaska's economic well-being.

The baseline work being developed during *Phase 1: Situational Analysis* complements the planning and development efforts of our departments, agencies, and LEGACY. As the ACEDS project moves into *Phase 2: Strategy Development*, State involvement will be essential for achieving long-term success.

We accept your request to have Susan Bell represent the Governor's Office on the ACEDS Planning Team. We look forward to identifying additional opportunities for collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Governor

cc: Michael Catsi, Executive Director, Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference and Contract Administrator, Alaska Partnership for Economic Development  
Chris Holling, Project Director, IHS Global Insight