

ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SIGNS CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, April 22, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) - Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. ("ACS") (NASDAQ: ALSK) today announced it has entered into a contract with the University of Alaska Fairbanks ("UAF") for a wide area network data service and a metropolitan area network service. Under the terms of the contract, ACS will be providing three OC-3s of high capacity circuits among Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau with a termination in Seattle.

"We are building on our success in the business segment by offering competitive value and great customer support," stated Liane Pelletier, ACS president and chief executive officer. "This contract establishes a new customer relationship with UAF and we are confident in our ability to deliver the high standards of service our customers have come to expect from ACS."

"ACS offers compelling value in this contract and we look forward to utilizing the company's advanced network capabilities and strong customer support mechanisms," said John Hebard, Contracting Officer for UAF.

About Alaska Communications Systems

ACS is the leading integrated communications provider in Alaska, offering local telephone service, wireless, long distance, data, and Internet services to business and residential customers throughout Alaska. More information can be found on the company's website at www.acsalaska.com or at its investor site at www.alsk.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Statements about future results and other expectations constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on current expectations and the current economic environment. The company cautions that these statements are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. A number of factors in addition to those discussed herein could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. The company's financial planning is affected by business and economic conditions and changes in customer order patterns. Any projections are inherently subject to significant economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the control of ACS. Important assumptions and other important factors, including risk factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, are specified in the company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and other filings with the SEC. The company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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