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CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS & UNION LEADERS CALL ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE DURING SHUTDOWNS

Alicia Siira, Executive Director of AGC of Alaska and Aaron Plikat, President of the South-Central Alaska Council of Building and Construction Trades Unions issued the following joint statement urging Government Officials to Exempt Construction Work from Regional, State and Local Work Shutdowns:

Anchorage, AK, March 22, 2020 – “Government officials at all levels should treat the construction industry and the work it performs as vital and essential to the critical industries that must remain in operation. Construction workers provide an invaluable economic service, maintaining and improving Alaska’s infrastructure, including critically important energy and communication systems, roads and bridges, and social infrastructure, including police, fire and health care facilities.

“Construction workers’ unique skills are essential now and in the coming weeks to construct, maintain, and repair critical infrastructure, and to build temporary health facilities and retrofit and expand existing ones.

“Labor and management construction industry partners continue to monitor and provide guidance on all recommended health and safety job site precautions for construction workers so that proper measures are deployed to ensure a safe work environment for those on the job.”

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