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June 13, 2005

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**HDA-AK**  
File #: 0001(277)

Mr. Jim Barnett  
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121 West 7th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3611

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Dear Ms. Bittner:

You are invited to attend a workshop on historic preservation planning on June 27. This workshop has been arranged for you as a part of the National Historic Preservation Act requirements for consultation under Section 106. Judy Bittner, State Historic Preservation Officer, and I are in consultation on the Knik Arm Crossing Project. You also have received correspondence from me inviting you to be a consulting party.

Ms Bittner has expressed her concern that the development of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and growth within the Municipality of Anchorage would result in the indirect loss of historic properties. Since the Federal Highway Administration has no jurisdiction over local planning, but does have a responsibility to consider indirect and cumulative effects of their actions, Ms Bittner and I have agreed that to help you develop your own historic preservation plans is the best course of action.

The workshop will be conducted by HDR Alaska, Steve Braund and Associates, and SRI Foundation to conduct the workshop.

**WHAT:** Historic Preservation Planning Workshop  
**WHERE:** Grandview Inn and Suites  
2900 East Parks Highway  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
Phone: (907) 357-ROOM (7666) or (800) 710-7666  
**DATE:** Monday, June 27, 2005  
**TIME:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

In requesting your participation, I am also asking that you will share your expertise with us, and help us identify historic properties that may be impacted directly by the project, and by the indirect effects of growth and development. Ms Bittner and I are counting on you to help your community understand how important historic preservation is, and how they might work toward preservation within their jurisdictional authority.

The tentative agenda for the workshop includes the following:

- Update on the Knik Arm Crossing Project and Section 106 requirements
- Case study: the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP), Pima County, Arizona
- Preparing the SDCP Cultural Resources Element
- Lessons learned from the SDCP
- Developing a Cultural Resources Preservation Plan - Some Suggestions

If you have questions and/or would like to register for this workshop, please contact Rosetta Alcantra, HDR Alaska, Inc. at 644-2074 or via email at [rosetta.alcantra@hdrinc.com](mailto:rosetta.alcantra@hdrinc.com) by **June 20, 2005**. Your participation is greatly appreciated and I look forward to seeing you on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



Edrie Vinson  
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cc: Mr. Dale Paulson, KABATA/DOT&PF  
Ms. Robin Reich, HDR  
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