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Meeting Date	July 12, 2005	Meeting Location	Grandview Hotel Wasilla, Alaska
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Notes by	Rosetta Alcantra	Handouts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knik Arm Crossing Newsletter, Vol. 2</li> <li>• Knik Arm Crossing Newsletter, Vol. 3</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Alaska Native Employment Partnership report</li> <li>• Presenter brochures</li> </ul>
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Attendees: Edrie Vinson, FHWA	Rosetta Alcantra HDR Alaska	Henry Springer, KABATA/DOT	Dan Rednall, Alaska Work Place, Inc.
Lonnie Jackson, Alaska's People	Jon Dunham, ADOT & PF	Bob Tumaeder/SOA Dept. of Labor	Brad Gillespie/SOA Dept. of Labor
Barb West/SOA Dept. of Labor	Michael Tucker, Knik Tribal Council	Jack Alcorn, Knik Tribal Council	Krista Crum/Northern Industrial Training
Joe Crum/Northern Industrial Training	Alan Christopherson/PND Engineering	Dave Robinson/Piledriver Local 2520	Brad Lobdell/Teamsters Local 959
Lureta Whitewing/Native Village of Eklutna	John Palmatier/Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters	Kathy Tumacder/Center for Employment Education (CEE)	

The workshop was called to order at 9:20 am by Mr. Jon Dunham, from the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Civil Rights Office. Briefly the participants introduced themselves and Mr. Dunham discussed what the day would entail. After introductions the participants highlighted their expectations for the workforce presentation and what they hoped to learn. The highlights included: How to employ tribal members on the Knik Arm Crossing, types of training needed to prepare for the work and opportunities for teaming or partnering.

The presentations began with Henry Springer, Executive Director for the Knik Arm Crossing and Toll Authority (KABATA) and Alan Christopherson, PND Engineering consultant with an overview of the project and an explanation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Mr. Springer pointed out there has been no preferred alternatives decided and what he



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and Mr. Christopherson would be talking about are the possibilities. The use of the work “bridge” is in the context of “possibility.”

In the project overview Mr. Springer discussed the schedule for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and projected construction schedule. The Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration will be made in 2006, if the schedule goes according to plan. The goal is to have construction period begin in 2008 and complete by 2010. Mr. Springer and Mr. Christopherson also shared the dimensions for a structure based on preliminary data collected and geographical constraints. The structure dimensions could be about 13 feet in width and about 7000 feet long. Materials needed include steel and concrete and some sort of piles. Other needs include dirt work, rock quarry and labor for both summer and winter. Also highlighted with the Knik Arm Crossing were the Port of Anchorage new dock and the gas line projects.

Mr. Springer and Mr. Christopherson’s discussion concluded with comments from Ms. Edrie Vinson relating to cumulative effects. These effects could include additional needs relating to road construction in the Mat-Su and Municipality of Anchorage, as well as water and sewer for future sub-divisions. Before the break, it was noted that there are beneficial impacts in project; one of those impacts is the future employment opportunities.

There was a brief break at 10:30 am, the group returned at 10:55 am.

Following the break, Mr. Dunham gave a brief presentation on the Alaska Native Employment Partnership document prepared by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation, which outlines benefits with increased employment and training of Alaska Natives and helps to identify stakeholders for partnering. Mr. Dunham provided basic information regarding tribes in Alaska and focused on the political relationships between tribes and the state. Regarding the Knik Arm Crossing project, he indicated there are four federally recognized tribes in the project area, Native Village of Eklutna, Knik Tribe, Chickaloon Village and the Native Village of Tyonek. Mr. Dunham also explored the issues impacting partnerships, such as, cultural issues, cultural of the contractor, work schedules and the culture of the state agencies. The partnership document was handed out to each of the tribal participants.

Following Mr. Dunham, were presentations relating to the various opportunities tribes have regarding developing trade skills that may or may not relate to the Knik Arm Crossing. Each presenter gave a brief history of their respective organization and highlighted what opportunities were available for on the job training, apprenticeship programs and other skill trainings. Several of the organizations provided handouts providing more detail and contact information.

Presentations were provided by:

- Dave Robinson – Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520
- John Palmatier - Piledrivers & Divers Local 2520
- Krista Crum and Joe Crum - Northern Industrial Training



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- Click Bishop – Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust
- Dan Rednall – Alaska Work’s Partnership
- Bob Lobdell – Teamsters
- Kathy Tumacder – Center for Employment Education (CEE)
- Lonnie Jackson – Alaska’s People, Division of Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Bob Tumacder – Mat-Su Job Center, Alaska Department of Labor

Throughout the presentations questions were entertained. There were questions relating to how applicants are selected, the application process, how the organization prepared for trainings and getting people to employment opportunities and what were the costs associated with these opportunities.

After the discussion Mr. Dunham facilitated the group back to the initial expectations of the day. The general consensus concluded that the participants appreciated the information and the networking.

Before adjourning the group collectively discussed next steps. All agreed that this was a beginning of dialogue and there needed to be a follow up meeting. The group discussed meeting in October. There was also a brief discussion about immediate needs. Knik Tribe is interested in conducting an assessment of its members and compiling a database. This information would be useful in strategizing and determining the target group for future opportunities.

Mr. Rednall discussed a statewide report relating to employment issues that is due at the end of summer. This information could be helpful to the group. In addition, Ms. Alcantra will send out a list of the participants for further networking.

The presentation concluded at 3:05 pm.