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New Survey Results Demonstrate Continued Strong Public Support for Knik Arm Toll Bridge

(Anchorage, AK). A [January 2009 statewide survey](#) of 1,000 Alaskans conducted by Dittman Research and Communications Corporation found that 60 percent of Anchorage/Mat-Su residents and 56 percent of all Alaskans want the Knik Arm Toll Bridge built.

“The survey results clearly show continued strong public support for this project,” said David Dittman, President of Dittman Research. “More than 70 percent of Anchorage and Mat-Su residents want the bridge included in Southcentral Alaska’s long-range transportation plan.”

“It’s reaffirming to know the public is with us on this project,” said Andrew Niemiec, Executive Director of the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA). “This bridge will better connect over half of Alaska’s population and accommodate projected population growth in the region; it will also save fuel and time, reduce emissions, connect jobs in Anchorage with lower cost housing in the valley, reduce congestion, serve as an alternative safety route to the Glenn Highway, and since it’s a toll bridge users will pay for most of the construction cost and all of the maintenance for the bridge.”

Niemiec added “After five years of study, it’s time to move forward with construction and deliver the economic opportunities and jobs this bridge promises for Alaskans.”

The full report of the survey results is available on the KABATA Web site at www.KnikArmBridge.com.

About KABATA

KABATA was formed by the Alaska Legislature in 2003 to develop, stimulate and advance the economic welfare of the state through construction and operation of a toll bridge spanning the Knik Arm of Upper Cook Inlet. The bridge will provide a second connection between Anchorage, Alaska’s largest city, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, one of the fastest growing counties in the United States, improving the regional transportation network and facilitating the movement of people and goods and enhancing safety. KABATA has commenced a Public-Private Partnership procurement to award a concession for the finance, construction and operation of the planned crossing. Additional information is available on KABATA’s Web site at www.KnikArmBridge.com.

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