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New Poll Results Demonstrate Strong Public Support for Knik Arm Bridge Project.

(Anchorage, AK) , March 12, 2007. A February 2007 Southcentral poll by Dittman Research and Communications Corporation found that 64 percent of Southcentral residents want the Knik Arm Bridge built and 76 percent believe the current road system is inadequate to cope with future growth. A recent study by the University of Alaska indicates the Southcentral population of Anchorage and Mat-Su will expand by over 200,000 by the year 2030.

“Poll results clearly demonstrate strong public support for this project,” said pollster David Dittman. “Further, more than 71 percent of Southcentral’s residents want the bridge included in Southcentral Alaska’s long-range transportation planning.”

“It’s reaffirming to know the public is with us on this project,” said Henry Springer, the Executive Director of the Knik Arm Bridge & Toll Authority (KABATA). “This bridge will connect roughly two-thirds of Alaska’s future population, provide new infrastructure investment, and keep Anchorage the center of commerce, finance and culture.”

KABATA was created by the state legislature in 2003 – to develop, stimulate and advance the economic welfare of the state by constructing a bridge over Knik Arm to connect Anchorage with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

The proposed project is an opportunity for the public and private sector to partner in a major component of Alaska’s transportation infrastructure, and will provide a new connection between Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough with improved regional transportation infrastructure to help meet existing and projected population and economic growth, according to the RFQ. Additional information about KABATA and the Knik Arm Crossing Project can be found on KABATA’s website at www.knikarmbridge.com.

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