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### **AIDEA Project on JBER Opens for US Coast Guard** *Camp Denali Readiness Center Addition Completed Ahead of Schedule*

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) is pleased to announce the opening of its Camp Denali Readiness Center Addition Project on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). The US Coast Guard on Friday held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its occupancy of this state-of-the-art expansion to the National Guard Armory.

Camp Denali Readiness Center Addition includes a new 29,000 square foot facility, relocation and replacement of an antenna array, a new access road and expanded parking. The project is owned by AIDEA and operated and maintained by the Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA). It was built significantly under budget and completed ahead of schedule. AIDEA congratulates its Anchorage-based contractor, Davis Constructors, for their professionalism and dedication to the project.

“We have great respect and appreciation for the military in Alaska, and are very pleased to partner with DMVA and the Coast Guard on this project,” said AIDEA Executive Director Ted Leonard. “This new facility not only helps these organizations carry out their vital missions, the project generates long-term benefits to our economy. We thank Governor Parnell and DMVA Commissioner Katkus for their leadership in working with the Legislature to equip AIDEA with the tools to finance this kind of facility.”

More than 80 new jobs were created with the construction of the Camp Denali Readiness Center Addition, and with the new facility, more than 115 Coast Guard and civilian jobs are retained in the Anchorage area. AIDEA facilitated a collaborative process with the Municipality of Anchorage, the US Coast Guard, the Department of Defense, the Alaska National Guard and DMVA to bring this project to life.

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority is a public corporation of the state. AIDEA’s purpose is to promote, develop and advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Alaska.

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