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### **AIDEA Congratulates Vigor for Ferries Award** *Ketchikan Shipyard to Build Alaska Class Ferries for Marine Highway*

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) congratulates the Vigor Alaska team for their distinction in being selected to build Alaska’s two newest ferries at AIDEA’s Ketchikan Shipyard.

“As owner of the shipyard, AIDEA is proud to be part of the community,” said AIDEA Board Chairman Dana Pruhs. “Our work in partnership with Vigor, the City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Gateway Borough has helped make the shipyard a center of economic activity for the region. We are very excited for what the future holds.”

Vigor Alaska, a Vigor Industrial company, operates Ketchikan Shipyard for AIDEA. The facility includes a 130,000 square foot state-of-the-art Assembly and Production Hall that has helped make the shipyard competitive on a global level. Ketchikan Shipyard currently employs approximately 165 people. The contract to build two new Alaska Marine Highway System ferries is expected to generate an additional 60 to 80 jobs per year for four years, adding \$22.3 million in wages to the local economy, plus \$9.8 million in local spending with contractors and vendors, for a total direct economic impact of \$32.1 million.

“The award of this key project to Ketchikan Shipyard is one of tremendous significance for the community,” said AIDEA Executive Director Ted Leonard. “We thank Governor Parnell, members of the Alaska Legislature and our Congressional delegation for your dedication and support of the shipyard.”

Ketchikan Shipyard builds and services all types of vessels with a primary focus on vessels operating in Alaska waters. The shipyard also serves as the primary maintenance facility for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

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