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### **Ketchikan Shipyard Grows With Berth Addition** **DOT&PF Transfers South Berth Facility to AIDEA**

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) and the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) held a ceremony today in Ketchikan to mark the transfer of South Berth from DOT&PF to AIDEA’s Ketchikan Shipyard. The transfer of South Berth adds 8.8 acres to the Shipyard.

Governor Sean Parnell delivered the welcoming address, followed by remarks from Alaska Ship & Drydock, Inc. (ASD) President Randy Johnson, Alaska Department of Revenue Commissioner and AIDEA Board Chairman Patrick Galvin, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Commissioner Leo von Scheben, and Alaska Marine Highway System General Manager, Captain John Falvey.

AIDEA and its Shipyard operator, ASD, are working together on a multi-year, \$77 million Shipyard expansion project. When this development is complete, work can be simultaneously done on multiple vessels at two drydocks and one on-shore work berth. The transfer of South Berth to the Shipyard will help support future expansion.

“AIDEA and ASD have a long and successful partnership,” said AIDEA Board Chairman Patrick Galvin. “The work that goes on here brings tremendous economic benefit not only to Ketchikan, but to surrounding areas. AIDEA is grateful to DOT for working with us to help make Ketchikan Shipyard even more successful with this transfer of South Berth.”

Ketchikan Shipyard builds and services all types of vessels and serves as the primary maintenance facility for the Alaska Marine Highway System. In December 2009, the Shipyard delivered the *Chevron Legacy*, the first steel marine vessel manufactured in Alaska for export in the international shipbuilding market. In June of this year, the M/V *Susitna* was christened.

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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