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Natural Gas for Interior Takes Major Step Forward

IGU will procure pipe in fourth quarter for North Pole construction

Fairbanks, AK – The Interior Gas Utility (IGU) has begun the procurement process for approximately 80 miles of pipe scheduled to be installed in the North Pole area beginning in the spring of 2015.

The announcement is a major milestone for the IGU and for the Interior Energy Project, overseen by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA).

“In order to deliver natural gas on time and on budget, we are working with all stakeholders involved to help move this project forward,” said Mark Davis, AIDEA’s Chief Infrastructure Development Officer.

The procurement and delivery of high density polyurethane (HDPE) pipe for IGU is made possible by Interior Energy Project financing for the advancement of IGU’s natural gas distribution system.

“To begin construction as soon as possible in 2015, this large amount of pipe needs to be ordered before December 2014,” said David Prusak, IGU Project Manager. “We are grateful to work with AIDEA representatives who continue to be flexible and understand the complexity of this project and the aggressive timeline before us.”

An invitation to bid was released on October 20, and submittals are due November 18.

For the full RFP, visit www.interiorgas.com.

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