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### AIDEA Announces Interior Energy Project Finalists *Five RFP Responders Selected to Advance to Next Phase*

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) is pleased to announce the completion of Phase One evaluations of all proposals received in response to its June 2015 Request For Proposals (RFP) for Interior Energy Project Energy Supply. This RFP generated significant interest and produced a broad spectrum of responses. AIDEA conducted thorough evaluations in accordance with criteria set forth in the RFP, and selected five finalists to advance to Phase Two of the Interior Energy Project partner selection process.

The finalists (in alphabetical order) are: Harvest Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp Alaska, LLC); Phoenix Clean Fuels, LLC; Salix, Inc. (Avista Corporation); Spectrum LNG, LLC; and WesPac Midstream, LLC.

Each finalist has provided a publicly available five-page summary of their proposal. These summaries can be viewed at [interiorenergyproject.com](http://interiorenergyproject.com). AIDEA and the Interior utilities will immediately begin discussions with each finalist, leading towards a call for best and final project offers in October. AIDEA expects to recommend a project partner to its Board in December.

Senate Bill 23 and House Bill 105 passed the Alaska Legislature in 2013 and 2015, respectively, and authorize AIDEA to provide the financing package to partner with the private sector to bring affordable natural gas to Interior Alaska. The five selected companies represent a range of options, including North Slope and Cook Inlet. AIDEA remains committed to the goal of supplying affordable energy to Interior Alaska to as many people as possible, at the lowest cost possible, as soon as possible.

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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