

ACS ANNOUNCES NEW CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 11, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) - Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. ("ACS") (NASDAQ: ALSK), Alaska's leading integrated communications provider, today announced the appointment of Melinda Taylor and Meghan Stapleton as its Directors of Corporate Communications. Together they will oversee the full range of communications functions including media relations, community relations and serving as spokespersons for ACS.

We are extremely excited to have Melinda and Meghan join the ACS team, said Liane Pelletier, ACS president and chief executive officer. Their knowledge and understanding of the Alaskan market coupled with their extensive experience in the field of communications provides the right mix as ACS grows its reputation locally, statewide and across the nation.

Background on Taylor

Taylor has been the communications director for IBEW Local 1547 since 2002. In this capacity she handled all aspects of external and internal communications for one of the largest labor unions in Alaska. Prior to that, she served as a Constituent Relations Assistant for former Governor Tony Knowles, focusing on special projects, constituent and media communications. Melinda also served on the Anchorage Municipal Assembly, the governing body for Alaska's largest city, from 1998-2004.

Background on Stapleton

Stapleton has been with KTUU-TV, NBC's Anchorage affiliate, since 2000 serving in a series of roles including managing editor and award winning reporter/anchor. In addition to prior positions at other television stations, Meghan worked on Capitol Hill as a speechwriter and Director of Scheduling and Advance for the Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee. Meghan's extensive community involvement has focused on the areas of youth and education.

About Alaska Communications Systems

ACS is the leading integrated communications provider in Alaska, offering local telephone service, wireless, long distance, data, and Internet services to business and residential customers throughout Alaska. More information can be found on the company's website at www.acsalaska.com or at its investor site at www.alsk.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

Statements about future results and other expectations constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on current expectations and the current economic environment. The company cautions that these statements are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. A number of factors in addition to those discussed herein could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations. The company's financial planning is affected by business and economic conditions and changes in customer order patterns. Any projections are inherently subject to significant economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the control of ACS. Important assumptions and other important factors, including risk factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, are specified in the company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and other filings with the SEC. The company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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