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**Afognak Native Corporation's Alutiiq, LLC Subsidiary Wins a USDA Agency Award  
for Small Business Contractor of the Year**

WASHINGTON, DC – On June 11, 2015, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded Afognak Native Corporation's subsidiary Alutiiq Commercial Enterprises, LLC the Small Business Contractor of the Year award for its service to the Agriculture Research Service (ARS) Agency. "The outstanding performance of our Operations team is a big win for us all," says ANC President/CEO Greg Hambright.

In 2014, Alutiiq Commercial Enterprises, LLC won the contract to manage the ARS Eastern Regional Research Center facility in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania. Project staff provide operations support services for 200+ USDA researchers conducting food safety research and experimentation with agriculture-related energy sources. The Center is a 250,000 sf complex with 8 buildings on 16 acres, and is one of four such research centers across the nation. Support services include maintaining the facilities steam plant and electrical systems, carpentry, janitorial services, event logistics for exhibits and science fairs, landscaping, and 24-hour security for the Center. As the partnership developed over the past year, the ARS has added special projects such as expanded surveillance system installation, parking lot paving, and research equipment fabrication. Alutiiq Commercial Enterprises, LLC staff ensure that every need is met. "In essence, we see that the Center operates around the scientists so that they can focus on the important research at hand," says Project Manager Karen Casey.

The project is supported by 15 Alutiiq Commercial Enterprise, LLC employees and 9 Satellite Services (SSI) subcontractor employees at the Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania facility, supervised onsite by Karen Casey. Sandra Chandler (General Manager) and Elijah Barnes (SVP of Operations) provide general management from Alutiiq, LLC's Chesapeake, Virginia Corporate office.

To receive an award for service after just the first year of a contract is testament to organizational efficiencies and the high standards for customer satisfaction that ANC and its Alutiiq, LLC subsidiaries uphold. Beyond a 'pat on the back,' this award is valuable for all Afognak Native Corporation subsidiaries to include in future bid proposals across all sectors of Alutiiq, LLC contract services.

"It tells me that we have good processes in place, a Project Manager that's doing an excellent job for us, and that Alutiiq, LLC deserves the recognition," says Elijah Barnes, Senior Vice President of Operations, based in the Chesapeake, Virginia corporate office. "These awards come from not just how well you're doing things on the ground, but on the corporate side. ANC Shareholders provide us the resources to go after these projects. The Corporate offices provide the administrative support we need to get the job done. The whole organization should feel good about it."

The Afognak Native Corporation is an Alaska Native ANCSA village corporation, serving the Kodiak Alutiiq people of Afognak and Port Lions. Alutiiq Commercial Enterprises, LLC is part of the Alutiiq, LLC family of companies, all owned by Afognak Native Corporation.

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*(left to right)* To accept the award, ANC Shareholder employees Peter Boskofsky (ANC Corporate Counsel) and Dr. Alisha Drabek (ANC, SVP of Community and Government Affairs) joined the project management team: Karen Casey (Project Manager), Sandra Chandler (General Manager), and Elijah Barnes (SVP of Operations). Photo courtesy US Department of Agriculture.