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New division director named at DCCED

July 7, 2010, Juneau, Alaska – The state Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development added more private-sector expertise to its staff recently with the hiring of Donald Habeger, who was appointed director of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.

Habeger brings a wealth of business and government relations acumen to the Juneau-based position. Most recently, he served as a legislative assistant to Rep. Jay Ramras. Prior to that, he worked as a vice president for a \$6.5 billion cruise industry company, where his duties included responsibility for community and government relations. A longtime Juneau resident, Habeger previously worked in service to the maritime industry in Southeast Alaska, including a stint as port manager in Juneau, where he was tasked with supervisory, accounting and budgetary responsibilities, as well as facilitating efficient, cost-effective operations for Port of Juneau activities. He also has earlier experience in residential construction and education.

“We are thrilled to have someone of Don Habeger’s caliber on the DCCED team,” said Curtis Thayer, who oversees the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing as deputy commissioner of the department. “We especially value his broad private-sector expertise and impressive array of organizational and operational skills. He will be a great asset to the department and the people of Alaska.”

As director of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Habeger will be responsible for ensuring that competent, professional and regulated services are available to Alaska consumers.

“It is a privilege to serve in this capacity at this critical time in Alaska’s history,” Habeger said. “Although we are facing economic challenges as a state, Alaska is still a place of great opportunity and promise. Gov. Parnell has assembled an exceptional team, and I look forward to doing my part.”

Mr. Habeger holds a bachelor’s degree in behavioral science from North Central University in Minnesota and has completed master’s level studies in the University of Alaska Southeast’s public administration program. He has been an Alaska resident since 1979.

