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FIRE TRUCK “BIG BLUE” DELIVERED TO ST. GEORGE

Anchorage, AK – November 12, 2013 – St. George received a fire truck, formerly owned by the city of Sitka, offloaded on Monday, November 11, 2013. The truck is known as “Big Blue” because of its distinctive blue paint job.

Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) and Trident Seafoods provided funding and other resources for the transport to St. George. “I am grateful to APICDA and Trident for the help in getting Big Blue to St. George where is sorely needed,” says St. George Mayor Pat Pletnikoff. “The fire truck fills a huge need in our community. I appreciate both APCIDA and Trident helping with the vessel for transport of the fire truck” The harbor at St. George is not complete and is missing infrastructure to receive a vehicle as large as Big Blue without a vessel with a shallow enough draft.

Trident organized the transport of the truck to St. George. It was shipped north from Unalaska on the Farwest Leader, a vessel owned 50/50 by Trident and APICDA Joint Ventures (AJV). “It is great of Trident to have committed so much time and resources in coordinating the delivery of the fire truck to one of our member communities,” says Larry Cotter, APICDA CEO. “Trident has been a strong partner for many years and their help in this project shows their support to communities in southwest Alaska.”

The Sitka Fire Department sold the truck was to the City of St. George for one dollar. The Alaska State Troopers provided a donation to Sampson Tug & Barge to transport the truck to Unalaska.

APICDA is working with the people of St. George on a number of projects, including harbor improvements at Zapadni Bay. The harbor at St. George is incomplete. APICDA is working with the state and federal government to secure additional financing to complete the harbor. Design work for the new harbor is underway and expected to be complete in late fall, 2014.

St. George is one of six member communities of APICDA. St. George is located on the northeast shore of St. George Island, the southernmost of five islands in

the Pribilofs. In 1786 a Russian fur trader, Gavriil Pribylov, came across the island while looking for the northern fur seal breeding grounds and named it St. George after his ship. The Russian-American Company enslaved Aleut hunters from the Aleutians and relocated them to St. George and St. Paul to harvest fur seals.

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