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### **Graham Named Commerce Department Assistant Commissioner**

(Juneau, AK) – Roberta Graham has been named Assistant Commissioner for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED). Graham succeeds Curtis Thayer who has been named Deputy Commissioner in the Department of Administration. In her role, Graham will be responsible for three divisions: Economic Development; Community and Regional Affairs; and, Serve Alaska.

"Robbie's professional and academic expertise is an excellent fit for our department," said Commissioner Susan Bell. "I am confident she will enhance the impacts we have on Alaska residents, communities, and businesses."

Graham previously served the Department as the special assistant to the commissioner, and prior to her state service worked for the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects in Washington, D.C. Graham was also the CEO of the public relations and public policy firm of Bernholz & Graham, Inc., with offices in Anchorage and New York. She serves on the Board of Trustees at Alaska Pacific University and is a senior fellow at the Institute of the North.

The mission of DCCED is to promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers. Additional agencies in DCCED include Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

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