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O'Tierney Joins Commerce Department

(Juneau, AK) – Daniel Patrick O'Tierney will join the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) as a deputy commissioner, effective June 11, 2012. O'Tierney will be responsible for three regulatory and consumer protection divisions: Banking and Securities; Insurance; and Corporations, Professional, and Business Licensing.

"Daniel's legal expertise, coupled with his professional experience in regulatory affairs and consumer protection, are a valuable addition to our team," said Commissioner Susan Bell. "I am confident he will increase our engagement with Alaska businesses, residents, and other state agencies."

Prior to joining DCCED, O'Tierney established the Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy (RAPA) section of the Alaska Department of Law. Admitted to the Alaska Bar in 1985, O'Tierney worked as an attorney in Anchorage and served on the Alaska Public Utilities Commission.

Curtis Thayer will continue his oversight of the Division of Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs, and Serve Alaska Commission.

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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