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UIC SCIENCE AWARDED SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES CONTRACT

Barrow, Alaska (July 11, 2011) – Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation (UIC) Science, a division of UIC Holdings, LLC, has recently been awarded a contract with Sandia National Laboratories to continue providing technical and management support for the United States Department of Energy’s Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Climate Research Facility (ARM/ACRF) in Barrow, Alaska. The ACRF is a long-term climate- and weather-monitoring facility and is used for the study of global changes by the national and international research communities. The facility provides a central location for atmospheric research activity on the North Slope.

UIC Science personnel will provide on-site coordination, equipment and instrument servicing, logistical support such as equipment relocations, and other related tasks associated with placement and retrieval of scientific instruments for field measurements. UIC Science personnel bring exceptional experience in operating and maintaining a wide variety of scientific instruments in the harsh Arctic environment, including adaptations to allow instruments to function reliably outside of their usual operation range. UIC Science will also coordinate with other project contractors and Sandia National Laboratories regarding site information and conditions, including safety-related information.

UIC Science has been involved in this project since the mid-1990s. This recent award combines several work scopes into one comprehensive contract, which will simplify project administration activities. The contract has an initial one year term of \$625,705 with four one year extension options.

The work accomplished at the ACRF is one reason that Barrow has the best-characterized air column in the circumpolar Arctic. Each year UIC Science hosts numerous visiting scientists from the Department of Energy and collaborating agencies such as NASA and visitors from universities. They work with the many permanent instruments and a wide variety of temporary instruments and aircraft that are brought to Barrow during regular Intensive Operating Periods.

The most recent instrument to be permanently installed is a precipitation radar on top of UIC's Barrow Arctic Research Center. Information from the radar will be shared with the North Slope Borough's Search and Rescue personnel and with local boaters and hunters.

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