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(Anchorage, Alaska) Effective September 15, 2007, the Division of Community Advocacy (DCA) within the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, will change its name to the Division of Community & Regional Affairs (DCRA).

Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska provides that:

An agency shall be established by law in the executive branch of the state government to advise and assist local governments. It shall review their activities, collect and publish local government information, and perform other duties prescribed by law.

“The new name is reflective of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development’s commitment to rural affairs, the Division’s mission to serve local governments, and the Governor’s desire for services that will help Alaska’s rural lifestyle thrive. The initials DCRA are fondly remembered by many municipal and rural officials, residents, and staff who recall an agency that provided specialized services for small, local, and especially remote governments” said DCCED Deputy Commissioner Mike Black who oversees the division. “We will build upon the past values of DCRA and incorporate the changes necessary to move effectively into the future.”

The Division provides assistance to a wide variety of local and regional organizations. Its primary constituent group is cities and tribes. They also provide substantial services to regional entities such as boroughs, coastal management districts, and regional health, tribal, and economic corporations.

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