



## Alaska Communications Systems Expands 3G Network Coverage on North Slope

*Local Wireless Network Upgrade Extends Access to Advanced Products,  
Services and Applications*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, August 19, 2010 -- Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. ("ACS") (NASDAQ: ALSK), Alaska's leading integrated communications provider, today announced the expansion of its third generation (3G) CDMA Rev A mobile broadband network on Alaska's North Slope, expanding the opportunities for North Slope workers to access the Internet, video, email, attachments and thousands of apps at the fastest speeds available. ACS is the only communications provider to offer 3G mobile broadband on the North Slope.

"Demand for wireless data is growing at an explosive rate, whether it's for checking weather conditions, downloading a business presentation, or staying connected with family and friends while you're on the Slope," said Mike Todd, ACS vice president, engineering and service delivery. "With this expansion, ACS customers on the North Slope can enjoy the fastest, most advanced wireless experience with the latest devices and tens of thousands of mobile applications."

ACS' North Slope 3G network now includes Oooguruk and Alpine as well as more capacity in Kuparuk, Prudhoe Bay and Deadhorse. ACS' network also includes voice and 1xRTT data services in Barrow.

The network enhancement is part of ACS' aggressive multi-million dollar network investment to stay ahead of the growing demand for mobile data services, even on Alaska's rugged North Slope. ACS earlier this year unveiled its wireless network investment plans to expand and deepen its 3G coverage by more than 50 percent in 2010. From 2008 to 2009, ACS's total capital investment in its Alaska wireless network was more than \$20 million.

"ACS is committed to providing businesses and consumers in Alaska with the best mobile data network in the state," Todd. "We are proud to support our partners in oil and gas exploration by providing the best wireless data coverage on the North Slope."

ACS was the first communications provider to offer Alaska high-speed mobile data through its 3G CDMA EVDO network in 2004, now the largest 3G network in the state - covering more than 65 percent of Alaska's population from the Southeast to the North Slope.

With the dependability and coverage of ACS' 3G network, ACS customers will appreciate the best possible mobile device experience in Alaska. Additionally, with

its roaming partner in the Lower 48, ACS customers will experience the fastest and broadest 3G coverage when traveling outside of the state.

**About Alaska Communications Systems**

Headquartered in Anchorage, ACS is Alaska's leading provider of broadband and other wireline and wireless solutions to Enterprise and mass market customers. The ACS wireline operations include the state's most advanced data networks and the only diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous United States. The ACS wireless operations include a statewide 3G CDMA network, reaching across Alaska from the North Slope to Ketchikan, with coverage extended via best-in-class CDMA carriers in the Lower 49 and Canada. By investing in the fastest-growing market segments and attracting the highest-quality customers, ACS seeks to drive top and bottom-line growth, while continually improving customer experience and cost structure through process improvement. More information can be found on the company's website at [www.acsalaska.com](http://www.acsalaska.com) or at its investor site at [www.alsk.com](http://www.alsk.com).

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