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### **Edison Chouest Offshore finalizing contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company**

ANCHORAGE, AK – June 8, 2016 – After a rigorous vetting process, Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. notified Edison Chouest Offshore (ECO), a company with worldwide response experience and maritime expertise, that Alyeska intends to award ECO its contract for marine tanker escort and spill prevention and response support in Prince William Sound.

"We are honored to be the successful bidder, and appreciate the great responsibility that comes with supporting SERVS (Ship Escort/Response Vessel System)," said Rick Fox, Senior Vice President and General Manager, ECO Alaska.

Alyeska cited ECO's safety record, in-depth experience and technical capability, management systems and equipment options as important considerations in its decision to issue the new contract. ECO's proposal utilizes new equipment to fulfill contractual obligations.

ECO has successfully offered tanker escort and spill prevention and response support worldwide for years in often very challenging conditions. "The scope of Alyeska's SERVS contract matched both our capabilities and our desire to expand our work in Alaska. It's a perfect fit for us. We are confident that we will do a good job for Alyeska – and a superior job protecting Alaska," Fox said.

ECO is a family-owned company founded in 1960. It is recognized as one of the most diverse and dynamic marine transportation solution providers in the world. ECO operates a growing fleet of more than 200 vessels, ranging from 87 to over 360 feet in length, serving an expanding global customer base.

"We respect the high interest Alaskans have in this contract and expect to work closely with all stakeholders to achieve a seamless and effective transition, and ultimately a safe and successful operation," Fox said. Key stakeholders include Alyeska; tanker companies; Crowley, the present contractor, which is based in Florida; the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation;



U.S. Coast Guard; The Regional Citizens Advisory Committee; and local fishermen and communities.

“One of our strengths is our ability and commitment to build and maintain excellent relationships with the people and communities where we work. We expect to do the same in Prince William Sound,” said Linda Leary, President of Fairweather. “ECO crews perform to the highest safety standards and have a strong record of environmental performance in all areas where we work. Our company's roots are in the fishing industry and our main office is in the heart of the Gulf of Mexico fisheries.”

The new contract, which will include the Valdez Narrows through Hinchinbrook Entrance, calls for a robust transition plan of approximately 24 months in duration. “Our commitment is to build the most experienced vessel operations team and shoreside operations and management personnel possible to fully protect Alaska,” Fox said. “We believe it is critical that our employees work and live in Valdez. We are also committed to hiring more Alaskans and to implement an aggressive Alaska Native hire and development program in Alaska and especially in and around Prince William Sound.”

ECO has established a Twitter account at [@EdisonChouestAK](https://twitter.com/EdisonChouestAK).

#### **About Edison Chouest Offshore and Fairweather, Alaska Presence**

ECO has successfully operated in Alaska for a number of years, most recently in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) for Shell. ECO acquired Fairweather, LLC and the Deadhorse Aviation Center (DAC) in 2009 and has continued to invest in Alaska. The ECO-Fairweather combined workforce is about 130 Alaskans, with more than 12 percent Alaska Natives, and includes joint ventures with two Alaska Native Village Corporations. Fairweather is a well-respected oilfield service company with more than 40 years of strong safety performance and diversified service in Alaska.

Around the world, ECO served mission-critical roles in the Macondo spill response and is involved in spill response in Brazil and other areas. ECO also provided the first ice-class Oil Spill Response Vessel (OSRV), the Nanuq, for Shell in Arctic Alaska's OCS from 2007 - 2015. The Tug Supply Vessel Aiviq is the largest icebreaker in the US commercial fleet and is also set up for oil spill response. ECO has held the contract for escort tugs for the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port since 1980.

Our management team has decades of experience working in the oil industry and in some of the world's most challenging environmental conditions.

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