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WOMEN PRISONERS AT HILAND MOUNTAIN RECEIVE HELP WITH RE-ENTRY **Annual “Success Inside & Out” Program Offers Support from Women Judges** **and Professional Women in the Community**

Anchorage, Alaska, October 23, 2013. Members of the National Association of Women Judges in Alaska will host the eighth annual “Success Inside and Out” conference on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center (HMCC) in Eagle River, Alaska.

Chief Justice Dana Fabe of the Alaska Supreme Court founded the conference in 2006 to bring professional women together to help inmates nearing their release date prepare for transition to life outside prison. Chief Justice Fabe remarked: “As judges, we see first-hand the need to stop the revolving door into and out of our courtrooms. We designed this conference to provide an opportunity for women judges and professional women in the community to provide mentorship, life-skills training, and support to inmates who are close to their date of release. We want to help these women succeed upon their release to the community.”

Program organizers have developed a manual now in use by women judges in other areas throughout the country. A similar conference is offered at Lemon Creek Correctional Center in Juneau.

Over 70 professionals from the community will offer their time and expertise to provide practical guidance on finding jobs, housing, and transportation; continuing their education; handling finances; and maintaining personal health. Inspirational keynote addresses are offered throughout the day. During lunch, a fashion show will highlight appropriate dress in the workplace.

Over 100 women inmates scheduled for release within the next year are expected to participate in Saturday’s conference. Co-sponsors include the Alaska Court System, the Alaska Bar Foundation, the National Association of Women Judges, the George Fabe Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation,

and Hiland Mountain Correctional Center along with over 29 conference supporters. Members of the media are welcome to attend and may do so by contacting Assistant Superintendent Gloria Johnson at HMCC (gloria.johnson@alaska.gov);(696-9146) for entrance to the facility and information about media requirements.

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