

The Commissioners of Natural Resources and Revenue today issued a revised Request for AGIA Applications. The deadline for AGIA Applications has been extended to November 30. The new deadline responds to requests from several prospective participants for more time to prepare applications. The new deadline still allows the Commissioners to analyze the applications, take comments from the public and deliver their Notice of Intent to Award and Findings to the Legislature during its regular session.

After AGIA passed, representatives of the gasline team made a significant effort to reach out to a broad array of prospective applicants to make them aware of the opportunity presented by AGIA. Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell, who participated in the outreach efforts, noted that they "generated interest amongst potential new participants and it is in the state's interest to make reasonable accommodations to secure maximum participation."

In addition to the deadline change, the RFA was also modified to respond to several issues identified through the RFA Inquiries website. The Amended RFA includes information that should help interested parties prepare complete applications that comply with the requirements established by the Legislature in AGIA. The Amended RFA is available on-line at the AGIA documents website <http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/agia/index.htm> in both a format that shows the changes and a clean version.

The issues identified through the website by prospective applicants demonstrate that they have thoroughly read the RFA and are seriously interested in providing responsive Applications. The AGIA process continues to progress towards the goal of an Alaskan gas pipeline project that is in the best interest of Alaska and the nation.