### Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap in Alaska

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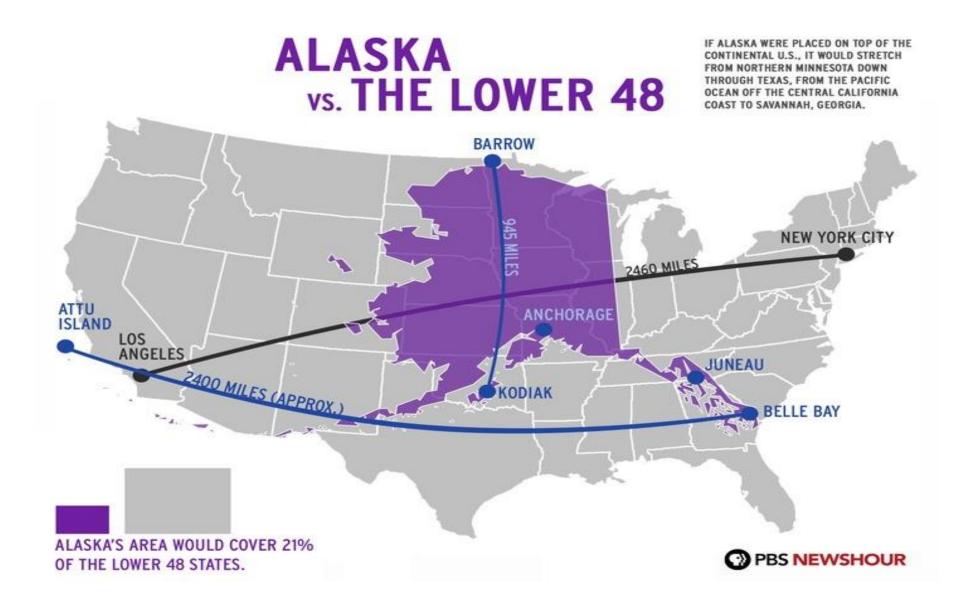








# AEA's mission is to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska





#### Railbelt

72% of Pop

76% of Energy

(Natural Gas)

#### **Southeast**

10% of Pop

13% of Energy

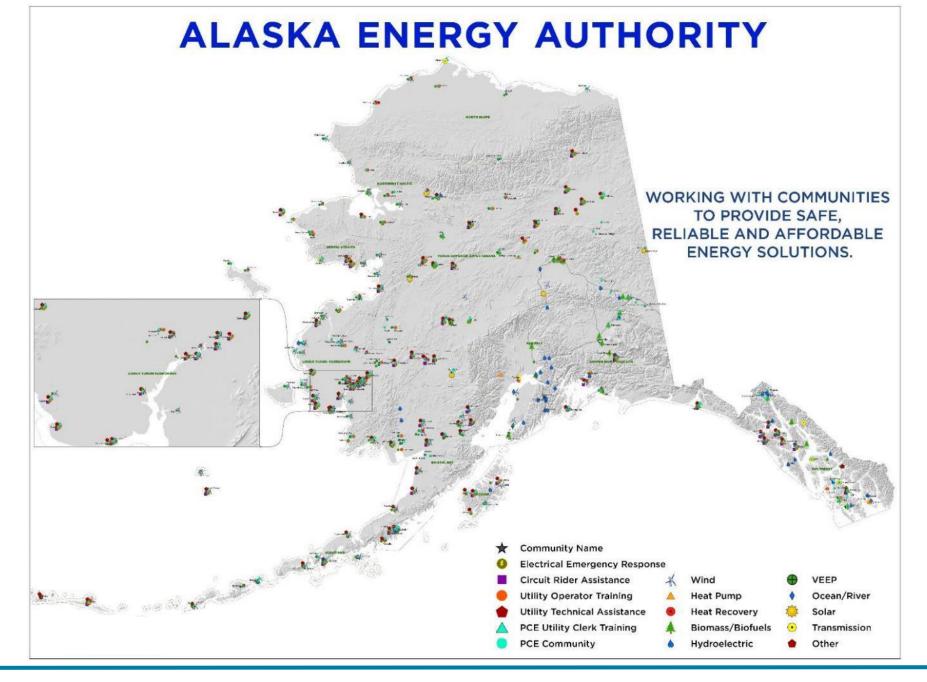
#### **Rest of AK**

18% of Pop

11% of Energy









# Assistance with statewide project development, financing, and long-term management of energy infrastructure

- Diesel powerhouses
- Heat Recovery
- Bulk Fuel
- Power Cost Equalization
- RE (wind, bio, hydro, solar)
- End-use efficiency
- Railbelt assets

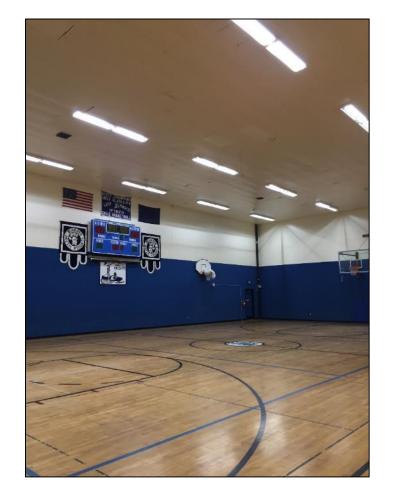


Quinhagak, AK



# **Energy Efficiency and Conservation in Alaska**

- Village Energy Efficiency Program (VEEP)
- Whole Village Retrofit
- Energy Wise (RurAL CAP)
- Home Energy Leaders Program (SE Conference)





## Whole Village Retrofit - Nightmute

- Power System Upgrade (Denali Commission and AVEC)
- Residential Weatherization (AHFC and RurAL CAP)
- Public Building Retrofit (AEA)
- Energy Education and Outreach (all agencies)



## What was accomplished?

- 34 homes were weatherized (64% of the total homes)
- 10 community buildings were weatherized and provided lighting upgrades.
- The school received lighting upgrades.
- 4 teacher housing units received lighting upgrades.
- Total Investment: \$679,430, incl. \$75,700 local match (cash and in kind services)









# Was it successful, can it be replicated?

#### **Community buildings Wx estimated total savings:**

- ~ 56% total fuel savings
- average per building annual heating reduced from \$5,096 to \$2,205
- Payback on air sealing and attic insulation: 6.7 years
- Projected annual fuel savings to village corporation store: \$10,639 (\$6.60/gallon)
- Annual gallons fuel saved: 4,834
- Annual dollar savings (at \$6.60/gallon): \$31,904
- Simple payback on full project: 7.5 years

#### **Residential Wx estimated total savings:**

- Budget for materials, labor, shipping: \$435,830
- Total annual gallons fuel saved for all 34 homes combined: 4,575
- 2008 village fuel price/gallon: \$7.90
- Comprehensive annual dollar savings: \$36,143
- Average annual fuel savings per home: \$1,063, or about 50%
- Simple payback on project funds: 12 years



#### Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.'s

# Energy Wise Program







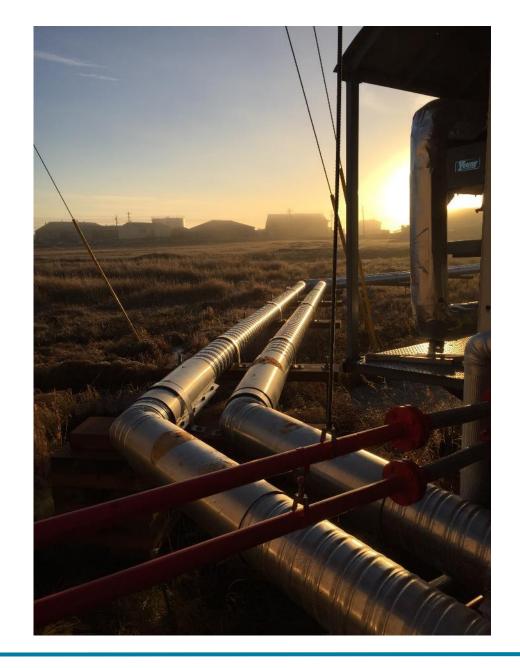


#### Some of Alaska's other solutions...

- AK Energy Smart Curriculum
   (K-12)
- Power Pledge Challenge (6-8)
- Energy Bike (any age, safe for bears)
- Local Energy Fairs
- Building Monitoring System (BMON)
- The Alaska Energy Efficiency Partnership



# The path forward points to innovation and collaboration





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