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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 216

I, Frank H. Murkowski, Governor of the State of Alaska, under the authority of art. III secs. 1 and 24 of the Alaska Constitution, order all principal departments of the executive branch, under the direction of the Chief Procurement Officer, to insure that future solicitations and resulting contracts for services are, to the extent consistent with federal and state law, provided within the territories of the United States.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this Administrative Order is to insure that state contract expenditures maximize the social and economic benefits to the citizens of Alaska and the United States.

State agencies annually procure substantial services by contract through public and private vendors. In a limited number of instances, vendors providing services may seek to subcontract or otherwise deliver some of the services from a location outside of the United States.

The offshore outsourcing of state services may aggravate unemployment and otherwise result in harm to Alaska and United States citizens, including the possible violation of privacy protections when personal information may be transmitted to locations outside of the territories of the United States.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

In executing this Administrative Order, the Chief Procurement Officer shall undertake, among other necessary actions authorized by law, the following:

1. Develop and implement policies, procedures, and/or standards addressing the consideration of the use of workers in the United States to perform state contract services.

2. Amend future solicitations and contracts to require vendors, including vendor-subcontractors, to provide certification listing which country the services will be performed.
3. Develop criteria to identify circumstances when the provision of state services outside of the United States may be appropriate and in the state's best interest.

This Order takes effect immediately.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska, this 5th day of August, 2004.

/s/Frank H. Murkowski
Governor