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YUKON DELEGATION HEADS TO ANCHORAGE FOR CANADA GALA

WHITEHORSE – The Department of Economic Development and the Yukon Chamber of Commerce are working together to host Yukon’s delegation at the 4th Annual Canada Gala in Anchorage, Alaska from March 10 – 13, 2005.

“Canada Week is an important opportunity for the Yukon to meet with officials and businesses from Alaska,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “The Yukon mission will provide a chance for the Yukon and Alaska to discuss shared visions and issues that impact our economies.”

“Alaska is our most important business and trading partner,” President of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, Sandy Babcock said. “Canada Gala pulls together people from both sides of the border in order to maintain and grow our mutual relationship.”

Canada Week is a celebration of the special relationship between Canada and the State of Alaska. Events are held in Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage relating to current joint issues or concerns. The purpose of the Yukon’s attendance in Anchorage is to take advantage of business networking opportunities and to learn about investment/business opportunities in Alaska.

The Yukon delegation consists of government representatives including Minister Jim Kenyon, Minister Glenn Hart, Deputy Minister Eugene Lysy, Deputy Minister Sally Sheppard, First Nation representatives, City of Whitehorse Mayor Ernie Bourassa, Sandy Babcock and Rob Harvey from the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, as well as local businesses and corporations.

Canada Week is organized through the Canadian Consulate, in collaboration with the University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska World Affairs Council, Northern Forum and the World Trade Center Alaska.

In addition to activities during Canada Week, the Yukon will host a business reception and an all day session relating to upcoming proposed infrastructure projects such as the Alaska Highway pipeline, the Alaska-Canada rail link and the Juneau access road.

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