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2010 Conference Reminder – Registration Info Now available!

Port and Harbor Employees of the Year

****Conference Attendance Grant Funds Available****

The Wrangell Port and Harbor Department, City of Wrangell, will host the 2010 Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) annual conference during the week of October 25-29, 2010.

***At the conference, the Association will be presenting the annual awards for the Port and Harbor Employees of the Year.**

All Corporate members are encouraged to chose an **Employee of the Year for your Port/Harbor** and submit a letter/email to Kim identifying noteworthy achievements of that employee. The AAHPA will then recognize all these employees at the annual conference.

Please submit your letter/email for your Employee of the Year to Kim Elliot, AAHPA Executive Secretary at 7 Maksoutoff Street, Sitka, AK 99835 or to aahpa@gci.net **no later than September 15th, 2010.**

****The AAHPA is also offering a grant program to help small communities build their harbor operations by offering grants to help defray the costs of attending the AAHPA Annual Conference.**

Every year, the Association holds an annual conference in one of our member communities. The conference is a great educational and networking opportunity. We recognize that smaller communities with harbors have financial limitations that make it difficult to send someone to a state conference. In an effort to help these communities, we are offering grants to help defray the costs of attending the conference. This year, we have \$1,000 available. The conference registration fee will also be waived.

If this interests your community, we invite you to send us a **letter of interest by August 15, 2010.** Since we have limited funds and may receive multiple requests, please let us know why your community would be the best candidate for a grant. Your letter should be sent to Kim Elliot, AAHPA Executive Secretary at 7 Maksoutoff Street, Sitka, AK 99835 or email to aahpa@gci.net. If you have any questions email or call Kim at 747-7677.