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Local Company Partners with Alaska Aerospace Organization

De Pere, Wis., 3/24/05 – The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation (AADC) is partnering with De Pere-based Space Explorers, Inc. to help more than 50 Alaska schools bring space into the classroom. Through AADC's co-sponsorship, Space Explorers is providing lesson plans, simulations of NASA missions, plant experiments replicating those performed aboard the International Space Station, and other hands-on interactive educational materials at no cost to the schools.

"We are very happy to provide this opportunity to students and teachers across the state," said Pat Ladner, President and CEO of AADC. "It is part of the mission of AADC to promote technological infrastructure in the state of Alaska, and we consider education to be a key component of that mission."

Schools from Anchorage, Angoon, Fairbanks, Kodiak, New Stuyahok, Elim, Naknek, and other Alaska cities will all participate in Space Explorers programming. Besides the main program components, schools will have access to additional online resources, including chats with astronauts and scientists, contests, message board forums, and more.

"Our chief concern is that these students learn the skills necessary to succeed as tomorrow's science leaders," said George French, president of Space Explorers, Inc. "We are thrilled that this generous contribution by the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation will give Alaska students new opportunities to explore space and technology, and we can't wait to see the results."

The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation owns and operates the Kodiak Launch Complex (KLC), a state-of-the-art spaceport on Kodiak Island. AADC serves the commercial and military aerospace industry and has developed the nation's first non-federally owned commercial spaceport. Its mission is to provide space launch services, foster new space-related industries in the state, and stimulate interest in space careers and technology among Alaska's young people.

Space Explorers, Inc. strives to inspire a new generation of explorers to pursue careers in science, math, and technology through its Internet-based programs and activities. More than 4,200 teachers across the United States are currently registered to use Space Explorers programming in their classrooms. To learn more about Space Explorers, please contact Hollie Miller at hollie@space-explorers.com or 800-965-3763.

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