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The University of Alaska Anchorage's Project Management Degree Program Awarded GAC Accreditation

NEWTOWN SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA – The PMI Global Accreditation Center for Project Management (GAC) is pleased to announce the accreditation of the Master of Science in Project Management degree at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

PMI GAC accreditation assures the quality, and sets a global standard, for project management degree programs at the graduate and undergraduate level. Accreditation is a significant milestone for schools and degree programs, as it is achieved through a rigorous process that can take up to 18 months.

The University of Alaska at Anchorage's project management program, started in 2004, is geared toward working professional students who are leaders within their respective companies and organizations. The average age of students in the program is 41, and most have six years of project management experience. In addition to on-site classroom instruction, courses are delivered on a global basis (from Florida to Korea) through a real-time distance learning infrastructure and at off-campus sites in a cohort group format (e.g. Alaska Air Group employees in Seattle). Please visit www.uaa.alaska.edu/espm for additional information

Accreditation of this program will be formally recognized during the GAC Academic Forum, on 6 October 2007, immediately prior to the opening of PMI Global Congress 2007—North America in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

About University of Alaska Anchorage

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) is the largest public university in the state with approximately 20,000 students. Founded as a four-year school in 1977, UAA offers more than 150 programs, ranging from certificate programs to associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees. UAA is comprised of six teaching units at its main campus: the colleges of Education, Health and Social Welfare, Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Policy; the Community and Technical College; and the School of Engineering. There are four community campuses: Matanuska-Susitna College, Kenai Peninsula College, Kodiak College and Prince William Sound Community College. UAA also provides higher education opportunities to Armed Services personnel throughout the state of Alaska. Please visit <u>www.uaa.alaska.edu</u> for additional information.

About PMI

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