







# News Release

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## Alaska LNG Project Advances with 2016 Work Plan and Budget Approval

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – Alaska LNG Project participants have approved a budget of more than \$230 million to advance work on the proposed liquefied natural gas export project.

Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, BP, ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil voted today to support 2016 project funding to continue preliminary engineering and optimization efforts on the estimated \$45-\$65 billion project that would commercialize Alaska's North Slope natural gas resources. This marks another important milestone for the Alaska LNG Project

As a key component of the approved 2016 work program, the team will develop and execute a comprehensive contracting strategy to provide sufficient time for bidders to prepare competitive and quality bids for front-end engineering and design (FEED), the next stage in the project's development. To date, the project sponsors have spent \$350 million on the pre-FEED work.

"The project participants see an opportunity in 2016 to advance activities that were initially planned for the FEED stage of the project," said Steve Butt, senior project manager for the Alaska LNG Project. "This early effort will provide participants with higher quality information and analysis to help better support a FEED funding decision."

A key component of the approved 2016 work plan for the Alaska LNG project includes filing a series of draft environmental and socioeconomic resource reports with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). It also includes completing the feasibility evaluation and cost implications of a 48-inch diameter pipeline option, a variation of the existing project design basis. It is anticipated that a FEED funding decision for the Alaska LNG Project will occur in mid-2017, in line with the Heads of Agreement signed by the State of Alaska and the Alaska LNG project participants in 2014.

The Alaska LNG Project would provide significant economic benefits to Alaskans including state revenues, new job opportunities and access to decades of in-state natural gas for homes and businesses. The project is also expected to create up to 15,000 jobs during construction and about 1,000 jobs for the operation itself.

Proposed facilities include a liquefaction facility in the Nikiski area on the Kenai Peninsula, an 800-mile large diameter pipeline, up to eight compression stations, at least five take-off points for in-state gas delivery, a gas treatment plant located on the North Slope and transmission lines to transport gas from Prudhoe Bay and Point Thomson to the gas treatment plant.

The Alaska LNG project participants are the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) and affiliates of ExxonMobil, BP and ConocoPhillips. For more information on Alaska LNG, visit ak-lng.com.

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