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ARRC Seward Port Manager Christy Terry promoted to Director of External Affairs

Veteran employee helms railroad public relations and communications

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) has named Seward Port Manager Christy Terry as Director of External Affairs, effective today. Through summer 2022, Terry will help facilitate a smooth port management transition by supporting operations at the ARRC Seward Terminal Reserve as needed.

As head of the ARRC External Affairs Department, the director develops and executes effective public, community and government relations efforts, as well as ensures informative employee communications. The director also works to maintain ARRC's reputation as a strong civic supporter, and a partner in economic development statewide.

"We are delighted to welcome Christy to this new role at the railroad. Over the past dozen years, she has impressed us as a highly capable professional who meets every challenge that comes her way with unflappable style," said President & CEO Bill O'Leary. "She has a strong background in local government and she's proven adept at working with a wide range of people and perspectives. That background and those qualities will serve her, and the railroad, well as we face future challenges and embrace future opportunities that call for community partnerships and public participation."

Terry joined ARRC in 2010 as the Seward operations manager, and was promoted to port manager in 2015. Prior to ARRC, she spent nearly a decade working for the City of Seward, culminating her tenure with the city as community development director.



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Terry's public service includes three terms as an elected official, most recently as Seward's mayor (her three-year term expires this year). In terms of community service, she's offered leadership on the boards of civic and business organizations including the Alaska SeaLife Center, Seward Chamber of Commerce and Seward Port & Commerce Advisory group. Terry's extensive community contributions were most recently recognized in 2021, when the Seward Chamber named her *Business Person of the Year*.

"I am proud and honored to continue growing professionally at the Alaska Railroad Corporation," said Terry. "The Alaska Central Railway originated in Seward and ultimately became part of the great statewide rail operation we have today. Now, I look forward to being part of a larger team serving our customers, businesses, railbelt communities and the entire state of Alaska."

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