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Anchorage Man Selected as Alaska's Outstanding Older Worker for 2005

Juneau, Alaska – July 28, 2005 – The Alaska Commission on Aging has chosen Vincent J. Doran as Alaska's Outstanding Older Worker for 2005. Doran, 88, was selected from 12 nominees who are 65 years old or over and who are employed more than 20 hours per week in a paid position.

"Older workers can contribute greatly to our work environments, through their extensive knowledge and experience," said Governor Frank Murkowski.

"Vince is a great example of the value of this experience in the workplace."

In making the announcement, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Greg O'Claray said that Doran "has worked on important projects to better the lives of many Alaskans and epitomizes the spirit of Alaska's older workers."

Doran became a consultant to STEELFAB, Alaska's largest steel fabrication facility, after he retired from managing the company. According to his nomination, "he is currently considered one of the state's experts on the repair and construction of all sizes of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) code pressure vessels – the giants used by the oil and gas industry in Alaska." Doran is credited with designing the most effective and self-contained sewage and water plant ever, with Arctic modifications, in the 1960s.

Alaska's 2004 Outstanding Older Worker was Noreene James, a Certified Nurses Aide at Valley Hospital in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. Previous winners include Beulah Poindexter, owner of Anchor Point Greenhouse, and Jim Tyner, an office manager and bookkeeper for a gas station in Juneau.

The Outstanding Older Worker award is a program of Experience Works, a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. It is sponsored in Alaska by the Employment Security Division within the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Alaska Commission on Aging.

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