



# Press Release

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## North Wind Grows with Addition of Three Companies

Idaho Falls, IDAHO – (January 10, 2018) North Wind Group announced that as of January 1, 2018, Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) is consolidating the business operations and assets of the Silver Mountain Group, including operational entities Weldin Construction LLC, Silver Mountain Construction LLC, and ANC Research & Development LLC, into North Wind Group. The administrative consolidation of Silver Mountain Group and North Wind Group is being implemented as part of a strategy to increase competitive strengths in Alaska and the Pacific Rim.

“These three distinct companies bring tremendous horsepower to our team through increased geographic reach, strong proven performance and better coordinated bonding programs,” said Chris Leichtweis North Wind Group President. “Our combined team brings experience and expertise to support future growth, specifically in the Pacific Rim region.”

**Silver Mountain Construction LLC** is specialized in design-build, vertical infrastructure, military fueling, processing piping and civil and underground construction projects.

**Weldin Construction LLC** began operations in 1983 performing specialized excavation, road construction and underground utility installation and has decades of subcontracting experience and has grown as a prime contractor with the largest customers being the U.S. Air Force and Army Corps of Engineers.

**ANC Research & Development LLC** was founded in 2005 providing air and missile defense support and provides a broad range of engineering, manpower and facilities and program management services.

“We are proud of the successes our government contracting subsidiaries have achieved,” said Sophie Minich, President and CEO of CIRI. “This consolidation will bring additional benefits to our customers, shareholders and employees, allowing for increased efficiency and strategic growth and expansion.”

The North Wind Group now includes eleven subsidiary companies with more than 1,200 employees represented in more than 35 states in the United States with projected revenues north of \$300 million.

North Wind is one of the nation’s leading small businesses providing engineering, construction, environmental, and technical services to federal and state agencies and private industry. Founded in 1997, North Wind has grown to a group of companies that employs more than 1,200 scientific, engineering, management and professional personnel. Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI), an Alaska Native corporation (ANC),

acquired North Wind in 2010. North Wind is headquartered in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and has a presence in 35 states and three countries.

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