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### **ANTHONY GRANDE PASSES PLANNING CERTIFICATION EXAM**

**Unalaska, Alaska – December 7, 2015.** Anthony Grande, Planning Administrator for the City of Unalaska, has achieved a career milestone by passing his planning certification exam. He joins an elite membership of approximately 15,000 professional planners worldwide that hold AICP certification. The exam and certification is managed by the American Institute of Certified Planners, the professional institute of the American Planning Association.

“We’re thrilled for Anthony, and appreciate his excellent contribution to Unalaska’s Planning Department and the City as a whole” said Assistant City Manager Erin Reinders. Grande has been with the City’s Planning Department for two years.

AICP certified planners stand out within the planning profession for meeting rigorous standards and maintaining their expertise through continuing education and serving community interests. Passing the AICP exam is the final step in earning the status of a certified planner. To take the exam, individuals must fulfill a series of requirements including education and job experience.

“Achieving AICP certification is not easy and requires a high level of personal and professional commitment,” said Felicia Braunstein, director of Professional Development for the American Planning Association. “The certification demonstrates an individual’s credibility and knowledge, and serves as a standard for the planning profession.”

Certified planners bring extra value to their employers and community, demonstrating a higher level of leadership, education and professionalism. As a certified planner, individuals are required to operate in a professional manner and uphold a code of ethics.

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