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Mr. Brian Rogers
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Dear Chancellor Rogers:

This is in reply to correspondence dated October 14, 2009, sent by Ms. Sarah Lewis, requesting approval for the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) to offer two undergraduate certificate programs. One program is the **Certificate in Ethnobotany** to be offered through the Kuskokwim Campus (KuC), distance delivery, and travel to various field sites. The second program is the Certificate in Environmental Studies offered through the Bristol Bay Campus (BBC), distance delivery, and travel to various field sites.

Additionally, the University seeks approval to offer the Graduate Certificate in Construction Management at employer sites or other construction sites.

The Commission has reviewed and approved the undergraduate certificate programs and the graduate certificate program as *minor changes* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, these certificate programs are now included under the accreditation of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and will be reviewed during the institution's comprehensive evaluation scheduled for fall 2011.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Baker
Executive Vice President

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cc: Dr. Dana Thomas, Assistant Provost and Dean of General Studies
Ms. Sarah Lewis, Academic and Faculty Services Manager
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