

Meeting Champion

Thanks to the efforts of Senator Bettye Davis, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators will bring its annual meeting to Anchorage Aug. 5 - 8, 2003. More than 100 delegates will visit Anchorage and participate in the conference entitled "African Americans and the U.S. Energy Infrastructure".

Discussions about the possibility of bringing the group and its meeting to Anchorage began in early October in 2002. At the request of Senator Davis, a full presentation proposal packet was prepared by Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) Convention Sales Manager, Julie Dodds, and sent to Director of Energy Policy, Rodney Charley. The materials, supported strongly by Senator Davis, convinced the Director that Anchorage should be the next site for the groups meeting. Charley participated in the 2003 Iditarod Fam this March as part of a site inspection.

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators' (NBCSL) primary mission is to develop, conduct and promote educational, research and training programs designed to enhance the effectiveness of its members, as they consider legislation and issues of public policy which impact, either directly or indirectly upon "the general welfare" of African American constituents within their respective jurisdictions.

For more information on the National Black Caucus of State Legislators visit www.nbcsl.com.

Congratulations to Senator Bettye Davis for bringing the National Black Caucus of State Legislators annual meeting to Anchorage, which will have an estimated economic impact of \$83,953.

Senator Bettye Davis is the ACVB's March 2003 Meeting Champion.