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Ventek Energy Systems and Sealaska Corporation of Alaska are excited to announce the agreement to install a bioenergy wood pellet boiler system at the Sealaska Corporate Headquarters building in Juneau, Alaska.

This system is one of the first of its kind in Alaska, even though a number of systems have now been installed around North America, primarily in schools, hospitals and commercial buildings. In this case it allows for a complete conversion of the facility from fossil fuel based heating to “carbon neutral” bioenergy heating. European state of the art wood pellet boiler technology, combined with the need to reduce the carbon footprint and reduce energy costs of this facility make this project a natural fit.

Ventek President Markku Riionheimo states, “After many years of business in the traditional commercial and industrial heating industry, this is our first bioenergy project in Alaska. We are thrilled and excited to be in partnership with Sealaska and congratulate them on their foresight and leadership in choosing this system. The Viessmann/KOB Biomass Boilers are well known in Europe and we are now able to distribute them in North America. This will be a showcase for what we expect will be many more similar installations in Alaska”.

Sealaska’s Rick Harris comments, “Federal, State and municipal governments, especially here in Alaska, are seeking to reduce the carbon emissions of facilities, and if we can do that and reduce operating costs at the same time, there can be no question of doing the right thing.”

An added benefit is the supply of wood pellets to SE Alaska, which will begin to grow the industry demand here, and eventually lead to a local production facility in the future, thereby keeping jobs and energy dollars in the local community. “This is an exciting development and I am glad Sealaska Corporation is pioneering this effort,” said Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho. “The Juneau Assembly recently adopted a resolution to reduce Juneau’s carbon footprint by 20% and this project may prove to demonstrate steps to achieving that reduction.”

Use of the this wood pellet system is expected to reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 8400 tons over 25 years and save the company approximately \$1,068,000 in energy costs.

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