

Calista endorses Capital move

The Calista Corporation has endorsed the movement of the State Capital from Juneau to Willow at the earliest possible date. A Calista spokesperson said that the corporation felt the move was in the best interest of the residents of the region.

"We have the highest cost of any area in Alaska for our village representatives to travel to Juneau to conduct business in the Capital," the spokesperson said.

Villagers from the region pay three times the national average for transportation to Bethel, the regional center, and then face increasingly high fares to travel to Anchorage and then on to Juneau, Calista explained.

The Calista Corporation, with over 13,500 shareholders in 56 villages of western Alaska, is the largest Alaska Native regional corporation in terms of resident shareholders.