



# AKHIOK-KAGUYAK, INC.

## Summer 2025 Newsletter

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



This award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our employees and the values we strive to uphold as a corporation.

We also had the honor of attending the grand reopening of the Alutiiq Museum—a big moment for preserving our local culture and history. At the event, we were proud to be recognized for our strong support and partnership with the museum. Additionally, Fred Coyle Jr. received an Award for being the longest-serving board member of the museum. His years of dedication and leadership are truly appreciated.

As we prepare for the year ahead, I invite all shareholders to join us at our 46th Annual Shareholder Meeting, scheduled for September 20, 2025, in Kodiak, Alaska. This annual gathering is more than a corporate obligation—it is a celebration of who we are as

people and a chance to reflect on our progress while strengthening our path forward. We look forward to reconnecting with many of you in person as we continue building on the successes of the past year.

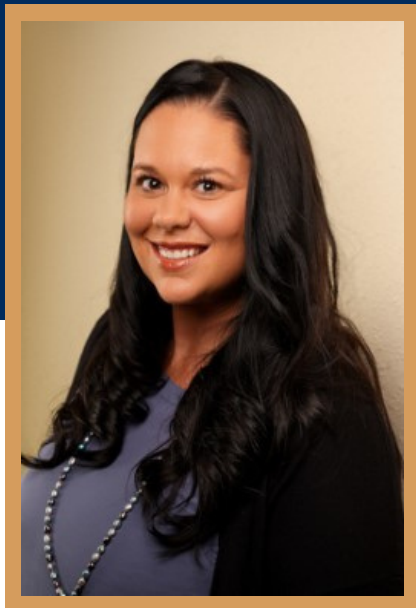
Thank you for your continued trust and support.

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*Ernie Berestoff, Sr.*  
Board Chair

It's a pleasure to be able to share our recent accomplishments that show how strong and united we are as a community. We are honored to have been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the Administrator's 35th Annual Small Business Program Awards. Sugpiat Defense, LLC received the Administrator's Award for Outstanding Accomplishments by a Tribal Contractor—a meaningful award of our commitment to protect the environment, responsible business practices, and the continued excellence of our team.

### Board of Directors

Ernie Berestoff, Sr., **Chairman**  
Erik Berestoff, **Secretary**  
Cheryl E. Anderson, **Treasurer**  
Fred Coyle, Jr., **Member**  
Ralph Eluska, Jr., **Member**  
Gary Rozelle, Sr., **Member**



# Letter from the President and CEO

## Delivering Results, Expanding Horizons

Dear Shareholders,

As we reach the midpoint of 2025, I'm proud to share a snapshot of the exciting progress we've made as a company. From new contracts and national recognition to growing our shareholder base, Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. (AKI) is advancing with purpose—and with results.

### Welcome to 18 New Shareholders

We are pleased to welcome **18 new shareholders** to our growing AKI family. Every new shareholder represents not only a connection to our heritage, but also a commitment to our future. We are honored to serve you and look forward to sharing our progress together.

### Exceptional Performance at Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB)

We are proud to share that our team continues to excel at Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB), recently earning **exceptional ratings** during the latest **Quarterly Program Management Review**. During a recent leadership visit, the government customer specifically praised our team's **superior mission support**, citing our **professionalism, responsiveness, and unwavering commitment to success**.

As a direct result of this outstanding performance, our contract has been **extended by an additional six months**—a strong endorsement of the trust and confidence our federal partners place in us.

Congratulations to the entire team for consistently delivering excellence. Your dedication makes all the difference.

### Major New Contract Award – USSOCOM Logistics Support

We are proud to announce that **Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. (AKI)** has been awarded a **\$28.5 million, five-year contract** with the **United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)**. This contract expands our footprint in mission-critical federal operations and highlights our growing reputation as a trusted government partner.

Under this award, AKI will provide **Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)** and specialized support personnel to assist in the planning and execution of USSOCOM's strategic, operational, and training initiatives. The scope of work includes:

- **Supporting the rapid generation, deployment, and sustainment of unique USSOCOM capabilities**, including staff augmentation and specialized functional support.



- **Providing daily operational management and coordination** for USSOCOM mission activities across various commands and teams.
- **Executing integration and synchronization efforts** across staff, key enablers, and mission partners to ensure unified and mission-ready operations.

This program is **highly complex and strategically vital**, requiring deep expertise, responsiveness, and cross-functional coordination. AKI is honored to support this important mission and to stand alongside the nation's elite special operations forces.

This award also represents a **\$2 million increase over previous contracts**, further demonstrating the client's trust in AKI's capabilities, performance, and values.

We look forward to exceeding expectations and contributing meaningfully to USSOCOM's success over the next five years.

#### **EPA Recognition – National Tribal Award**

AKI was proud to be recognized by the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** at its 35th Annual Small Business Program Awards. **Sugpiat Defense, LLC** received the **Administrator's Award for Outstanding Accomplishments by a Tribal Contractor**—a national-level recognition that reflects our dedication to sustainability, ethical practices, and excellence in service.

AKI's strength lies in the **commitment of our team, the wisdom of our community, and the unity of our vision**. Every milestone we reach is a result of your continued support and trust. I look forward to sharing more progress in the months ahead.

Sabrina Ben,

President & CEO

# SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

Jaden is a shareholder with a true passion for aviation and a clear vision for his future in the skies. He already holds his private pilot's license and is now diligently working toward his commercial pilot's license, dedicating countless hours to both ground school and flight training. As a scholarship recipient, Jaden's commitment, discipline, and strong work ethic have been recognized and supported by those who believe in

his potential. For Jaden, flying isn't just a career goal—it's a lifelong passion that fuels his motivation and drive. He's deeply engaged in learning every aspect of aviation, from technical skills to industry knowledge, and he approaches each new challenge with enthusiasm. Jaden is excited about the opportunities ahead and looks forward to continuing his journey with the same energy and dedication that have brought him this far.



## SEEKING SHAREHOLDER IMPACTS

We love celebrating the achievements and passions for our shareholder community! If you know a shareholder who is doing something inspiring, making an impact, or pursuing exciting goals, we want to hear about it.

Please email [info@aki-kodiak.com](mailto:info@aki-kodiak.com) with their story so we can share their journey in upcoming newsletters and highlight the incredible talent and dedication within our corporation. Let's keep supporting and uplifting each other!



We are pleased to offer free notary services to our shareholders as a courtesy. Whether you need documents notarized for shareholder matters or personal use, our team is here to assist you. Simply contact us to schedule an appointment.





# 46th Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Come hear important updates, connect with fellow shareholders, and take part in the election of two Board of Director seats.

**Your voice matters. Your vote counts.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

For questions or more information, contact Shareholder Services at 907-258-0604



**Date:** Saturday, September 20, 2025



**Lunch:** 11AM



**Start of Meeting:** 12:00 PM



**Location:** Best Western Kodiak Inn,  
236 E. Rezanof Dr., Kodiak, Alaska

We are pleased to announce the distribution of a shareholder dividend of \$9.32 per share, issued on June 2, 2025. This dividend reflects our continued commitment to delivering value to our shareholders and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team.



## FOLLOW US

Stay connected with Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. by following us on social media! It's the easiest way to receive timely updates about shareholder news, upcoming events, and more. Follow us today and help us grow our online presence!

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. extends our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of our shareholders who have passed away



**Mable Berestoff**  
January 8, 2025

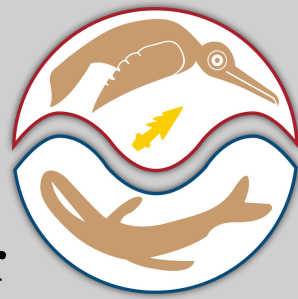


**Daniel Yakanak**  
January 16, 2025



**Beverly Thompson**  
January 29, 2025

# Sugpiat Defense, LLC Receives EPA Administrator's Award for Outstanding Accomplishments by a Tribal Contractor



Sugpiat Defense, LLC is proud to announce that it has been awarded The Administrator's Small Business Award for Outstanding Accomplishments by a Tribal Contractor from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This prestigious award recognizes exceptional performance, commitment to environmental stewardship, and significant contributions to advancing the EPA's mission through innovative and sustainable solutions.

As an Alaska Native Village Corporation-owned company, Sugpiat Defense embodies the spirit of partnership between Tribal enterprises and federal agencies. This award highlights the company's dedication to delivering high-quality services while honoring its cultural values and commitment to protecting natural resources for future generations.

"We are deeply honored to receive this national recognition from the EPA," said Sabrina Ben, President and CEO of Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. "This award reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire team, who bring innovative thinking, technical expertise, and deep respect for our environment to every project we undertake. It also underscores the vital role that Tribal contractors play in advancing sustainability, community well-being, and federal mission success."

Sugpiat Defense remains committed to building on this success by continuing to provide outstanding environmental support services, embracing cutting-edge technologies, and promoting responsible stewardship of the lands and communities it serves.



# WE ARE SUGPIAT!



# SUGPIAT DEFENSE PARTICIPATES IN SOF WEEK 2025

Sugpiat Defense was honored to attend **SOF Week 2025**, held May 5–8 in Tampa, Florida. This premier gathering brought together Special Operations Forces (SOF) professionals, industry leaders, and government partners from around the globe.

Our leadership team engaged directly with key stakeholders across the defense and technology sectors, gaining critical insights into evolving operational requirements, emerging technologies, and opportunities for strategic collaboration.

SOF Week served as an invaluable platform to strengthen long-standing partnerships, showcase our innovative capabilities, and build new relationships that align with our mission to support national defense through cutting-edge solutions, operational reliability, and community-focused approaches.

Throughout the week, we had meaningful discussions with trusted partners and new connections alike—each conversation reinforcing our shared commitment to excellence, readiness, and mission success. These engagements provided actionable insight from the field and paved the way for future contracts and partnerships.

Participation in events like SOF Week is vital to Sugpiat Defense's continued growth and impact. By staying connected with the defense community's evolving needs, we ensure that our solutions remain relevant and responsive while highlighting the unique value Sugpiat Defense brings to every mission.

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate and look forward to building on these important conversations in the months ahead.





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## DID YOU MOVE?

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If you've recently moved, changed your mailing address, or updated your contact details, please notify us as soon as possible. Keeping your information up to date helps us stay connected and ensures you don't miss out on important shareholder communications. We are seeking your help in locating our missing shareholders. If you know the whereabouts of any of the shareholders listed, please contact Shareholder Relations at **(907) 258-0604** or email **[info@aki-kodiak.com](mailto:info@aki-kodiak.com)**.

- Edwin L. Anderson Jr. IV
- John Dance, Sr.
- Lawrence Henry
- Anthony Kahutak
- Ethel Lea Mullady
- Kenese Parker
- Dustin Kyle Peterson
- Samuel Davis Peterson
- Richard Rozelle, Jr.
- Thomas William Wolkoff