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Alaska Railroad VP wins rail industry award ***League of Railway Industry Women recognizes Wendy Lindskoog***

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Fifteen-year Alaska Railroad veteran Wendy Lindskoog will accept the League of Railway Industry Women (LRIW) *2014 Outstanding Woman of the Year Award* during the league's annual conference opening session September 22 in Montreal, Canada. The award is presented to a woman who has improved the rail industry through her work in a leadership role within a professional railway field. Recipients must also demonstrate innovation and problem-solving skills to overcome challenges, and bring consistent excellence to her organization and surrounding community.



LRIW is an international association that provides leadership and support for the personal and professional growth of women at every level in railroading and railway-related businesses for the benefit of themselves and their employers. More information about the award is available at <http://lriw.org/woman-of-the-year/>. The LRIW Outstanding Woman of the Year Award is co-sponsored by *Progressive Railroading*, a magazine and multi-media information source for more than 25,000 international rail and transit executives. More information about *Progressive Railroading* is available at <http://www.progressiverailroading.com/>.

Lindskoog was recognized for her tenured service as a senior manager and executive for the Alaska Railroad, which hired her in 1999 as the External Affairs Manager. Since then, Lindskoog has been promoted repeatedly, and currently serves as Vice President of Business Management & Corporate Affairs. Over the years, she has guided company policy and activities related to government, media, community and public relations. Lindskoog's strategic and open communications have served ARRC well as the company has faced multiple financial challenges in recent years that stem from the economic downturn, market dynamics, and shifting state and federal politics. In her co-current role as Corporate Board Secretary, Lindskoog provides the ARRC Board of Directors with the information and support they need to govern.

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In terms of community contributions, Lindskoog has provided her leadership and energy to several civic and community groups, including her current ongoing service as a director and officer on the boards of the Alaska Chamber of Commerce and the Resource Development Council for Alaska. She also serves as a board member for the Seward Sea Life Center and as an active member of the Anchorage Athena Society. At the national level, she has advocated for the Alaska Railroad and the rail industry as an engaged member and committee participant within the American Short Line & Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA), Association of American Railroads (AAR) and American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

“The Alaska Railroad has allowed me to reach beyond the office to participate in our industry and communities as a volunteer for a variety of activities and groups, and I’m grateful,” said Lindskoog. “Companies that strive to be good corporate citizens can inspire their employees with opportunities to give back. It’s just one more reason that I am proud to work for the Alaska Railroad.”

Lindskoog added, “This award is a wonderful honor and I deeply appreciate the league’s vote of confidence. The Alaska Railroad has been an extraordinary place to hone my craft in community and government relations. Through my interactions within the company, with civic and industry associations and with government entities, I have learned a great deal about the importance of rail to many sectors of our state, national and global economies. Railroading is a nostalgic yet dynamic industry that remains relevant to today’s transportation, energy and economic challenges. I can’t think of any industry that I’d rather be a part of.”

“In Wendy, one finds an exceptional talent, a thoughtful leader, and an overall remarkable individual,” said ARRC President & CEO Bill O’Leary. “We have worked together at the Alaska Railroad for the last 13 years. Over that period, Wendy has developed professionally to serve a key senior executive role for the ARRC, demonstrating versatility and commitment countless times along the way. The Alaska Railroad is so pleased to hear of this recognition for Wendy.”

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