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**Alkan Shelter LLC named as an Innovator of the Year by  
*New Mexico Business Weekly***

**Santa Teresa, New Mexico – May 11, 2005** – Today it was announced that *New Mexico Business Weekly* has named Alkan Shelter LLC, the composite shelter company, Innovator of the Year. It is an honor bestowed only to a select few companies residing in the state. The Alaska-headquartered company received this mark of distinction because of its use of composite materials and proprietary engineering practices used in creating and manufacturing its shelter and container systems.

Alkan CEO and founder Gerald Myers stated, “Our markets—military, government, oil and gas, homeland security, transportation and shipping, communications, research and exploration—years ago signaled a desire to identify emerging technologies for the next generation of shelters that would house and protect both people and equipment in some of the most rugged conditions in the world. We’ve spent over a decade designing and testing products that would meet this objective. And, we are very pleased that our efforts have been recognized.”

**Designing for a Decade**

Alkan has been designing, manufacturing and supplying shelters to government, military and commercial customers for over a decade—improving product effectiveness by applying architectural and engineering principles and utilizing composite materials.

Previous and current customers include U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center, U.S. Air Force, TACOM at the National Automotive Center, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, Los Alamos National Laboratory, National Science Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Past commercial customers include General Communications Incorporated (GCI), Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and Golden Valley Electric Association.

### **About Alkan Shelter LLC**

Alkan Shelter LLC is a privately held limited liability corporation registered in the states of Alaska and New Mexico, with headquarters in Fairbanks. Conceived and created with an architect's sense of design, attention to detail and efficient use of space, the Alkan family of shelter products provides an invaluable reassurance to their customers: the comfort of knowing they have selected the highest performing shelter available in the marketplace today. First requested by the National Science Foundation for use at the South Pole and Antarctica, and then modified, tested and perfected for years in the rugged and harsh conditions of the vast Alaskan wilderness, Alkan shelters have endured the greatest test of all – surviving the many extremes that nature, man and geography can deliver. For more information visit [www.alkanshelter.com](http://www.alkanshelter.com)

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