

Joe Schmidt

Commissioner

P.O. Box 112000

Juneau, AK 99811-2000

www.corrections.state.ak.us



Richard Schmitz

Special Assistant

907.465.4640

cell: 907.723.1031

richard.schmitz@alaska.gov

Media Advisory

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

No. 08-080

May 16, 2008

INMATE APPRENTICES ON THE JOB AS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON FIRST 20-BED UNIT AT PALMER CORR. CENTER

FULL MEDIA BRIEFING ON PRISON EXPANSION PROGRESS

JUNEAU – The Department of Corrections will hold a MEDIA AVAILABILITY at 10 am WEDNESDAY, May 21, at PALMER CORRECTIONAL CENTER in Sutton.

At that time, concrete will be poured for the foundation of a new 20-bed housing unit. Among those working on the project will be inmate apprentices, who have signed media releases and will be available for interviews. Media will have full access to the construction site, within safe parameters.

The Department of Corrections will also provide a full briefing on Phase II prison expansion, including the 1,536-bed prison at Point Mackenzie, and projects at Seward, Wildwood (Kenai) and Bethel.

Commissioner Joe Schmidt will take questions, along with apprenticeship program instructors, and key expansion project managers.

When: 10 am, Wednesday, May 21.

Where: Palmer Correctional Center, Sutton Alaska.

Contact: Richard Schmitz, 465 4640 (desk),
209 5245 (mobile)

