



## **Blazing trails in Washington: A profile of our Partner in Washington, D.C., Tami Buckner**

After a successful “Fly-In” to Washington, D.C. some of us at the ANVCA upon our return to Alaska and getting back into the “swing of things,” just wanted to recognize some of our partners. We often talk about our “partner companies” and how important they are, but we often do not talk about the actual people (or teams of people) behind those partner organizations.

The ANVCA could not ask for better partners. More partners yes, many more, but higher quality or more enthusiastic and supportive partners, that would be difficult. This is the case because when we work closely with one another, and you really get to know those individuals in our partner organizations, sometimes you know intuitively that their “heart is in it,” and you know they are passionate about the issues and helping us achieve success on so many different issues that are important to all of us and our future generations. As a result, in future issues of the newsletter we hope to recognize how important people are within our partner organizations as well as those in our community and recognize their contributions and get to know them like some of us have had the pleasure of doing. We look forward to sharing this “ANVCA People In Profile” as well as others.

Tami Jackson Buckner is with Waste Management (WM) Inc. Tami a highly regarded public affairs strategist, with over two decades of front-line success in government relations, brand and corporate communications, and building public/private sectors alliances. She has extensive experience in working with local, state and federal governments through her roles at DuPont Company, Kraft Foods, and the Coca-Cola Company. Currently, Tami is the Director of Federal Affairs for Waste Management in Washington, DC.

Tami is an active member of several boards and councils, including the Bowie State University Foundation, the Girl Scouts – Corporate Advisory Committee, and previously served on the NASDAQ Public Policy Advisory Committee. In 2015, she was selected to co-chair the Children’s Defense Fund. *Working Woman* magazine featured Tami as the cover story for her “collaborative style as a corporate lobbyist.” *Essence* magazine listed Tami among its “Top Women Leaders.” What’s more, Washington’s leading publication, the National Journal magazine, recognized Tami for her powerful mix of bipartisan networks inside the DC beltway and beyond.

Tami received her M.A. from Clark Atlanta University and her B.A. from Hampton University. She has studied in Japan and Australia, and she is a member of the prestigious US-Italy Council. Tami is a native of Miami, Florida, and currently resides in Maryland with her husband and twin children.



Tami has supported “all things” contaminated lands for the ANVCA, and supports and advises on many other issues that are important to all us. Some of you got a chance to meet Tami and attend her panel discussion at the “ANVCA 2018 Conference” in Anchorage, and we are hoping she will join us again next Summer. We look forward to working with Tami and WM for many more years to come.

