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*“Let's build this project,
and let's get it done sooner
than we think we can.”*

**Jim Whitaker, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough**

Project Timeline

Summer 2008	Grand Opening
May 30, 2007	Official Groundbreaking Ceremony at the 101 Dunkel Street site
April 2007	GHEMM Company breaks ground on project site
March 2007	Construction contract signed with GHEMM Company
March 2007	Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and National Park Service sign 10-year lease agreements to occupy Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center
March 2007	City of Fairbanks leases land to Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center for up to 80 years
October 2006	Land acquisition process completed - City of Fairbanks owns 100% of project site
August 2006	Tanana Chiefs Conference hires Tanya Beatus / Cultural Program Planner
May 2006	GHEMM Company selected for Construction Manager at Risk contractor through a competitive bid process
August 2004	City of Fairbanks begins purchasing land on project site
August 2004	Environmental Assessment completed
February 2004	Legacy for Progress Campaign begins. Doyon, Limited makes lead gift of \$500,000
December 2003	Leadership Team organizes with Sam Kito, Jr. at helm
2003	Charles Bettisworth and Company, Inc and Andre & Associates selected through competitive bid process. Architectural and exhibit planning process begins.
2001-2002	Planning studies/Site selection/Environmental Assessment begins
2000	First federal planning grant received

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