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**Lights! Camera! Action!**  
**CANstruction 2012 Set to Collect 30,000 Pounds of Canned Goods**

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ANCHORAGE – CANstruction® 2012 starts February 24<sup>th</sup> at the University Center and is open to the public. This year’s competition will feature a “back to the movies” theme titled “Lights! Camera! Action!” Along with students from Dimond High School (supported by the great folks at ICRC), eight teams of professionals comprised of local architects, designers, engineers and contractors will build giant structures made entirely out of canned food! All proceeds—including tens of thousands of canned goods—will be donated to Food Bank of Alaska (FBA).

Each team will be given 12 hours to build their self-supporting structure within a 10-foot square area on the floor of the University Center. Teams competing this year are: Coffman Engineering, Dimond High School/ICRC, DOWL HKM, Enterprise Engineering, KPB Architects and Schneider & Associates, Michael Baker Jr., Inc. and F. Robert Bell & Associates, R&M Consultants, Inc., RIM Architects, and RSA Engineering, Inc. The winner of the Jurors’ Favorite will go on to compete in the national Canstruction® competition.

A panel of jurors will judge the creative structures and teams will win awards based on categories that reflect qualities such as best overall combination of meal elements, creative use of labels, and structural ingenuity. This year’s jurors include Rick Peterson, PCL Construction, Dave Cavitt, Furniture Enterprises of Alaska, and Lorie Dilley, Hattenburg Dilley & Linnell (2010 Engineer of the Year).

To encourage public participation, a 'People's Choice' award will be given based on the number of votes from the public. Visitors may donate cans – one can equals one vote – to their favorite structure. The structures will be on display at the University Center from February 24 to March 11.

To learn more about CANstruction® 2012 visit [www.facebook.com/anchoragecanstruction](http://www.facebook.com/anchoragecanstruction) or go to [www.foodbankofalaska.org/viewPage.php?ID=198](http://www.foodbankofalaska.org/viewPage.php?ID=198)

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Food Bank of Alaska believes no one deserves to be hungry. We are dedicated to eliminating hunger in Alaska by obtaining and distributing food to partner agencies feeding hungry people and by providing anti-hunger leadership. FBA collects edible but non-salable food from local manufacturers, food processors, retailers, farmers and fishermen. In FY 2011 FBA distributed 6.7 million pounds of food, a record-high, through more than 300 partner agencies across the state.