

APPENDIX A

Commissioners' Letter of Coordination
Alaska Workforce Investment Board's Resolution of Support
Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development's Motion to Approve



STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Alaska Workforce Investment Board

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Dear Interested Parties:

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development recently hired Jeff Selvey as the CTE (Career and Technical Education) Coordinator with the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) and Helen Mehrkens was recently hired as the CTE Administrator with the Department of Education & Early Development. These two positions are responsible for implementation of statewide CTE strategies, including developing a comprehensive, integrated CTE system for Alaska that aligns training institutions and coordinates program delivery. Both departments are currently working in cooperation to develop a template for career plans, establishing and implementing standards for Alaska training programs, supporting the use of the Alaska Career Ready certificate, and communications and outreach with secondary and postsecondary educators and administrators throughout the state.

As the lead state planning and coordinating entity for human resource programs in the state, the AWIB is responsible for the facilitation and development of a statewide policy for a coordinated and effective employment training and education system. To accomplish this goal, the Commissioners of Labor and Workforce Development and Education & Early Development ask that all workforce development and CTE groups and organizations coordinate through the AWIB to implement statewide CTE initiatives for Alaska. We have designated Mr. Selvey and Ms. Mehrkens to lead the development and implementation of a statewide CTE Plan on behalf of both departments and report their progress to us through the AWIB.

It is critical that we all work closely together to accomplish these statewide objectives and we look forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions regarding the statewide CTE Plan, please call Jeff Selvey at (907) 269-3018 or Helen Mehrkens at (907) 465-8730.

Sincerely,

Clark Bishop
Commissioner
Department of Labor
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