# A Brief History: Alaska's CTE Plan Establishing, Sustaining, and Implementing Interagency Partnerships

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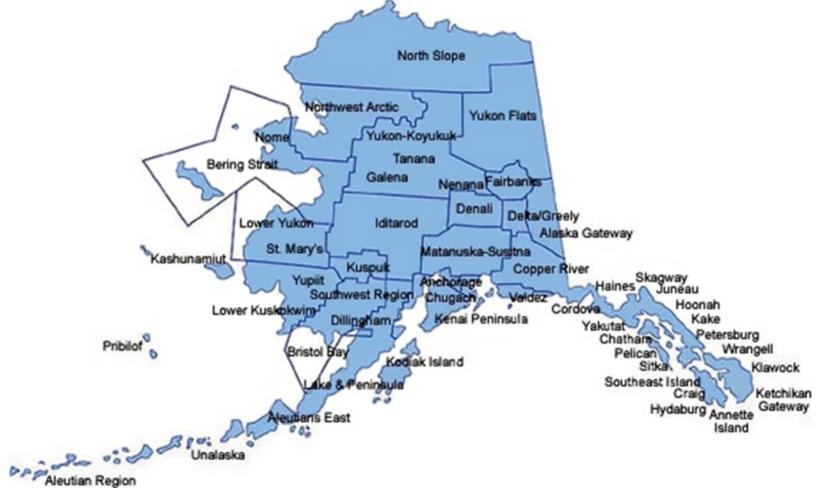






#### Alaska's CTE Delivery System: Alaska Department of Education and Early Development





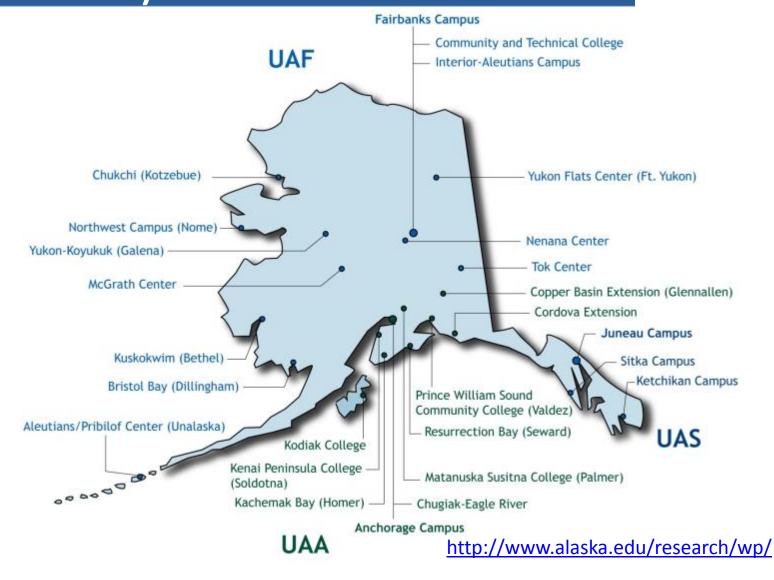
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# Alaska's CTE Delivery System: University of Alaska





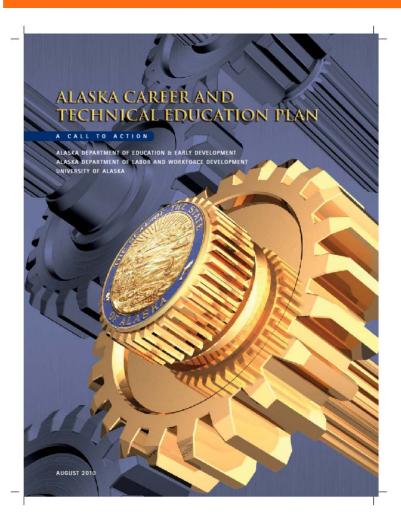
## The Action Committee and Implementers....

- Business and industry
- Alaska Legislature
- State agencies
- School districts (teachers, counselors, administrators, boards)
- Alaska PTA
- Alaska Native Corporations
- University System
- Regional Training Centers
- Alaska Association for CTE



#### Alaska CTE Plan: Six Strategies





- 1. Transitions
- 2. Curriculum
- 3. Delivery Models
- 4. Develop CTE Professionals
- 5. Facilities
- 6. Funding

#### Supported By



- Alaska State Board of **Education & Early** Development
- Alaska Workforce Investment Board
- University of Alaska **Board of Regents**







To expand and grow in the 21st Century, Alaska's economy needs an up-to-date workforce, which in turn requires a world-class education system.

The Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the University of Alaska are pleased to present the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan. This plan outlines a comprehensive, integrated career and technical education system for Alaska that aligns training programs and coordinates delivery to prepare our citizens youth and adults - for Alaska careers.

This plan is a living document that will not sit on the shelf. It invites coordinated and focused action from all stakeholders. We encourage everyone's involvement in the implementation of this plan.

We are committed to working together in the truest sense of partnership. Our citizens and state will reap the benefits of our work. We invite you to join us in this quest. The action starts now.

Sincerely,

July 16, 2010

Dear Alaskans:

Larry LeDoux Commissioner

Department of Education and Early Development

Commissioner

Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Patrick Gamble

President

University of Alaska

#### 1. Transitions



#### Student level

- Personal Learning and Career
   Plans (PLCPs)
- Alaska Career InformationSystem (AKCIS)
- WorkKeys<sup>®</sup>

#### System level

- CTE Programs of Study
- Alignment of credits
- Data sharing for accountability



#### 2. Curriculum Alignment



- Align with academic & technical standards
- Employer involvement
- Alaska Performance Scholarship
- Technical Skill Assessments
- Employability standards
- National career readiness standards
- Common Career Technical Core



#### 3. Delivery



- Identification of delivery methods used in Alaska
  - Expand access for students
  - Define and identify best practices
  - Centers of Excellence
  - Distance delivery,e.g. Alaska's LearningNetwork (AKLN)
  - Intensive models
  - Use of technology



#### 4. Develop CTE Professionals



- Professional Development
  - UAA/CTC Professional Development Program
  - Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education
  - CTE Leadership Institute
  - Teacher Industry Externship (TIE)
- University of Alaska Anchorage CTE Certificate
- CTE teaching certificate regulations

#### 5. Facilities



- Facilities inventories completed
  - Basic facility & equipment standards?
  - Guidelines for safe use?
  - Interagency facility use?
  - Routine maintenance strategies?



#### 6. Funding



- State funding
  - TVEP
  - AWIB CTE grants
  - "SB84" foundation funding
  - Youth First grants
- Federal Funding
  - Perkins IV



#### Strengthening the Partnership



- Regular engagement CTE Staff from EED, AWIB, UA
  - Weekly conference calls
  - Jointly review EED and AWIB grant applications
  - Presentations
- CTE Plan Action Committee
- Challenges continue...
  - changes in leadership how to orient, engage, evolve
    CTE Plan to new realities?
  - continuing autonomy of each group state and local
  - funding

### Coordination, Communication & Measuring Results



- Alaska Workforce Investment Board Newsletter
- CTE listserve and blog
- CTE Professional Development Conference annual
- State association conferences
- Joint Meeting of the Alaska State Board of Education and University of Alaska Board of Regents
- Emerging ANSWERS project

#### Alaska vis-à-vis National Efforts



- New Alaska K-12 standards informed by Common Core Standards
- Career Clusters
  - Secondary schools use of Career Clusters for CTE and Personal Learning and Career Planning
  - Postsecondary use of Career Clusters for information and data gathering related to student achievement and institutional investments
- Branding initiative:
   "CTE: Learning that Works for America/Alaska"

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