



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Employment & Placement/
Workforce Readiness Committees Report
August 25, 2006**

The Employment & Placement and Workforce Readiness Committees have met only twice since the AWIB meeting in February. Neither meeting had sufficient member attendance to establish a quorum. I would like to ask that committee members who are unable to attend on a regular basis let me know so that we can either reschedule the meeting time or assign you to a more suitable committee. Since we are now having fewer committee meetings it is very important that we make our meetings count.

We discussed the final draft of the Transportation Plan and determined to add a footnote addressing the ranking of Airline and Commercial Pilots in the list of occupational priorities. In the coming months we will coordinate with the Assessment & Evaluation Committee to develop outcome measures relative to the plan.

AWIB Chair Baker has appointed a Healthcare Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Rod Betit, to follow through on the work done by the Healthcare Taskforce in 2004/2005 and produce a final report. Staff has compiled a draft from recovered subcommittee documents, but it needs further development by the ad hoc committee prior to presenting to the full board for adoption.

The committee took up the issue of public access to the Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) online. AKCIS is a valuable tool and we concluded that it should be available to all Alaskans at no cost. To that end we asked the Executive Committee to draft a resolution for the AWIB to consider recommending that AKCIS at least be provided through all school and community libraries throughout the state.

We will be creating a committee work plan in alignment with the AWIB strategic plan. This will connect our activities to the board's strategic priorities and guide what the committee does for the next two years. The committees will be gathering informally the morning of August 25 prior to the AWIB business meeting to discuss our priorities.

We are looking at role the Vocational Technical Education Providers (VTEP) has as an ad hoc subcommittee of the Workforce Readiness Committee. We have invited the group's leadership to participate in the August 25 AWIB meeting and make a presentation of their recent activities and concerns.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the committees' next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m.