



Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee Report
October 23, 2007

The Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee met four times since the AWIB meeting in May, 2007. The committee worked on the following issues since the last board meeting;

1. Regional Advisory Councils (RAC's);
2. Strategic Directives and Top Priorities; and
3. Increasing outreach travel efforts by AWIB members to more communities.

Regional Advisory Councils

Letters were sent out in July to RAC's describing the AWIB's efforts to improve coordination and communication between the AWIB and RAC's. The letter described the AWIB's current priority to support Governor Palin's expanded efforts for workforce development in Alaska. The AWIB looks forward to meaningful partnerships with local governments, including Regional Advisory Councils. The letter emphasized the importance of our need for the expertise of local organizations to successfully implement the goals of AWIB's strategic plan. Representatives from the RAC's are positive and look forward to working with the new AWIB and share our energy. We have had the following guests at our meetings: Charlotte Brower from the Savaat Center in Barrow, Jim Lynch from the Interior Alaska Regional Council in Fairbanks, and Mike Catsi representing the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference.

Strategic Directives and Top Priorities

The AWIB developed Strategic Directives and Top Priorities at the May board meeting. Each committee was to prioritize the top three directives. The committee determined the top three directives for the Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee to be (listed from highest):

- Collaboration and partnerships both interdepartmental and across disciplines, state & federal agencies, non-profits, education & labor, corrections, industry and communities. This includes knowledge of all providers of training and resources and the need for a coordinated training system for Alaska.
- Create employer incentives to increase Alaska hire. Recognition for employers, i.e. best value contracting (points for resident hire). Potential incentives - tax incentives, paid training scholarships. Governor's Citation, DOA Procurement Orientation.
- Provide maximum employment of residents as part of plan in the state's future development of resources and infrastructure.

Increasing Outreach Travel Efforts by AWIB Members

Visiting One-Stops and the communities they serve will be an effort by the AWIB to put a face to the Board to let rural Alaskans know about the AWIB. This is also a priority for developing relationships with Regional Advisory Councils.