



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Regional Advisory Councils Report
October 23, 2007**

One of the priorities for the Policy and Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee since May, 2007 board meeting has been Regional Advisory Councils. Since the board meeting the following has occurred:

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.

There is a Tri-borough Commission meeting scheduled for October 23 with the mayors from the Municipality of Anchorage, Mat-Su Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough. One of the agenda items is to discuss Southcentral Regional Advisory Councils. This meeting is being attended by Jim Schol, AWIB Project Coordinator. Jim will give a brief overview of the current role and status of the AWIB in workforce training, the role of the RAC in the AWIB process and the immediate need to get RAC's established in all three municipal regions. Jim has been the staff person working on the Regional Advisory Council project.

Attached to this report is the current Regional Advisory Council contact information.