



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board  
Committee Strategic Plan Priorities Report  
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The AWIB developed Strategic Directives and Top Priorities at the May, 2007 board meeting. Each committee was to prioritize the top three directives. The top three strategic directives priorities for the Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee are:

1. Collaboration and partnerships both interdepartmental and across disciplines, state and federal agencies, non-profits, education and 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.
2. 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.
3. Provide maximum employment of residents as part of plan in the state’s future development of resources and infrastructure.

The top three strategic directives priorities for the Workforce Readiness and Employment & Placement Committee are:

1. Improve applied academic, technical and employability skills of the workforce.
2. Collaborate with business/industry and training providers to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment that sets training needs and priorities based on the gaps between supply and demand for the high demand short and long-term employment.
3. Develop a more interactive relationship with business, community training providers and One Stop centers.

The top three strategic directives priorities for the Youth Council are:

1. Teach youth about basic employability and life skills (finances, teamwork, problem solving, and work ethic).
2. Expand and improve career counseling in school, not just college.
3. Educate parents regarding vocational education training opportunities.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Strategic Directives and Top Priorities document in its entirety. The priorities for each committee are indicated in the matrix.