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Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee Report
May 29, 2009**

The Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee met one time since the AWIB meeting in February 2009. The committee worked on the following issues since the last board meeting:

1. Review the draft of the Modification to the Alaska Strategic Two-Year State Plan for Title 1 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act.
2. Coordinate efforts of the Regional Advisory Councils for determining occupational priorities for their regions
3. Strategic Directives and Top Priorities

Regional Advisory Councils

The Regional Advisory Council Representatives are meeting monthly. The Regional Advisory Council Representatives. It was determined at the February, 2009 meeting that Marty Metiva of Mat-Su and Shelly Wright of Southeast will co-chair the monthly meetings. These meetings have provided an opportunity to network and share ideas, and discuss regional issues. To date occupational priorities have been received from all Regional Advisory Councils. The complete occupational priority list has been forwarded to Research and Analysis. The representatives from the Regional Advisory Councils have been invited to attend the May AWIB meeting and reception. The Regional Advisory Council contact information and occupational priorities are attached for your review.

Strategic Directives and Top Priorities

The top three directives for the Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee (listed from highest):

1. 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.
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 committee continues to work with the regional advisory councils to accomplish the above strategic directives and priorities.