



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report
August 29, 2008**

The next AWIB meeting will be held in Fairbanks at the University of Alaska in the Board of Regents Conference Room on Monday, October 27th and Tuesday, October 28th. The agenda includes an update on the AGIA Training Strategic Plan, Alaska Career Ready program, Registered Apprenticeship, time for face to face committee meetings, a legislative update, FY 09 budget update, Information Technology and Construction (Electrical) Industry panels, the STEP Task Force Report, and a tour of the Hutchison Institute of Technology and the Kornfeind Training Center.

Rooms have been reserved at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks and we will begin contacting board members to make reservations once the agenda has been approved by the Executive Committee at its September 2008 meeting. Once the agenda has been approved, AWIB staff will begin preparing board binders and coordinate arrangements for the October meeting.

The AWIB extended the recruitment for the Education Specialist II position on Workplace Alaska which closes on September 2nd. This position will be working on implementation of the vocational education strategies contained in the AGIA Training Strategic Plan, developing and implementing a state initiative for career pathways, working with the Department of Education and Early Development in developing a template for career plans and supporting the use of the Alaska Career Ready Certificate by students, workers, and employers, and organizing business and education consortia to develop industry standards for training programs.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend!

Committees

- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Cook Inlet Tribal Council in Anchorage.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Policy Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee is scheduled for September 25th at 10:00 a.m.

- The next Workforce Readiness and Employment & Placement Committee is scheduled for October 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Status of Current Projects

- An Ad Hoc Committee of the Workforce Readiness/Employment & Placement Committee met August 29th to work on the implementation phase of developing a workforce development training plan template that can be used for all of the AWIB priority industries.

AGIA Training Strategic Plan

An electronic copy of the most recent draft of the AGIA Training Strategic Plan is available at http://www.labor.state.ak.us/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf.

DOL AGIA Website

AGIA Resource Documents are located at labor.alaska.gov/AGIA_teams/.