



ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

**Executive Director's Report
September 30, 2008**

The agenda for the next AWIB meeting has been approved by the Executive Committee and 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.

AWIB staff have nearly completed making travel arrangements for board members at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks and are currently working on preparing binders for the October meeting. I have requested an electronic copy of all presentations by Friday, October 3rd and hope to have an electronic version of the binder posted on the AWIB website at <http://www.labor.state.ak.us/awib/home.htm> under Board Binders by Friday, October 10th.

A Youth Council meeting was held on Friday, September 5th at the Cook Inlet Tribal Council in Anchorage. Thanks to M.J. Longley and CITC for hosting this meeting. The agenda included discussion regarding solicitation of applicants from youth to the serve on the Youth Council, membership of Youth Council, Youth Council attendance, a resolution of support from the Youth Council for waiver requests for Common Measures and Literacy/Numeracy, and an update from the Division of Business Partnerships on youth programs and performance measures.

The STEP Evaluation Committee reviewed FY 09 grant proposals on September 15th in Anchorage. Three AWIB members participated in the review including Tony Delia, Cynthia Erickson, and Linda Hulbert. I want to thank Tony, Cynthia, and Linda for their efforts and a job well done.

AWIB staff have been meeting monthly with Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) with the latest meeting held on Thursday, September 18th. The top three priority industries and occupations have been received from the Southeast, Southwest, and western coastal region RACs. The Education Workforce Advisory Commission (EWAC) has been added to the list of RACs to serve as the Anchorage RAC. The Interior, Anchorage, and Mat-Su RACs will bring their top three priority industries and occupations to the October AWIB meeting.

The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Program Year (PY) 2007 WIA Annual Report on September 25th and forwarded to the Commissioner's Office for submittal to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Training Administration.

The Policy Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee met on Thursday, September 25th at 11:00 a.m. to review the progress of the RACs and the proposed revisions to the AWIB By-laws which will be reviewed at the October AWIB meeting.

The Workforce Readiness and Employment Placement Committee completed their first draft of the AWIB Training Plan Template which is currently being reviewed by an ad hoc committee consisting of Jim Lynch, Paulette Schuerch, John Cannon, and Fred Villa. AWIB staff have completed a draft of the resolution process requested by the Workforce Readiness and Employment and Placement committee. Both the resolution process and Training Plan Template will be reviewed at the next Workforce Readiness and Employment & Placement Committee meeting on October 2nd.

Committees

- The next Workforce Readiness and Employment & Placement Committee is scheduled for October 2nd at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m.
- The next meeting with the Regional Advisory Councils is scheduled for Thursday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m.
- The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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