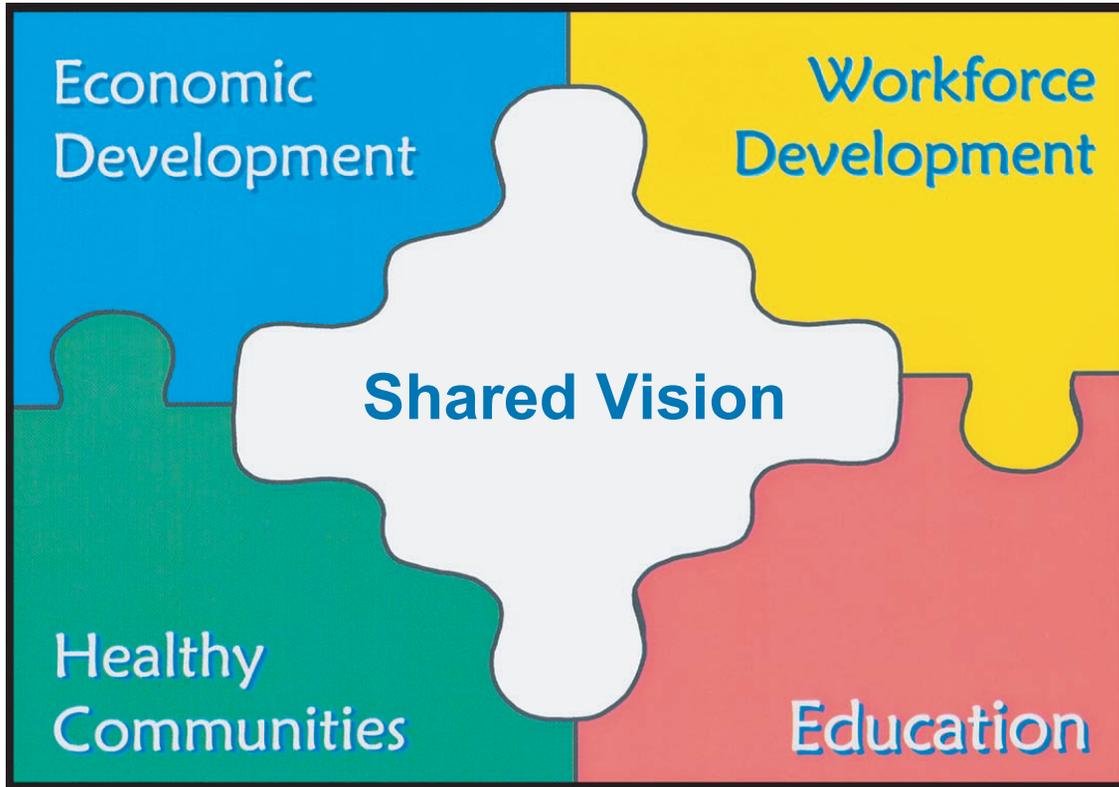


REGIONAL COUNCILS



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Why Does Workforce Development Matter?

Alaska Job Growth Forecast Highlights

"Alaska employers will add 8,500 jobs during the next two years....labor economists predict statewide job growth of 1.5% this year and 1.3% in 2005...Surging industries like health care, retail and construction are expected to drive the growth...Statewide, most of the job growth has been in Anchorage, Mat-Su and the Interior...A total of 3,300 educational and health services jobs are likely to be added in 2004 and 2005...an influx of about 1,200 Stryker Brigade troops and their families to the Fairbanks area and series of large projects statewide keep construction workers in high demand through 2005...Alaska's hospitality industry is poised to add a total of 1,200 jobs statewide..."

*—Research & Analysis Section, Division of Administrative Services,
Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. May 2004.*

For more information on regional councils,
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VISION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board is dedicated to developing economically healthy communities by working with regional and business leaders.

Local residents can best identify the occupational priorities and embrace cultural values.

The board intends to do business with regional councils in a manner that fosters regional cooperation across Alaska.

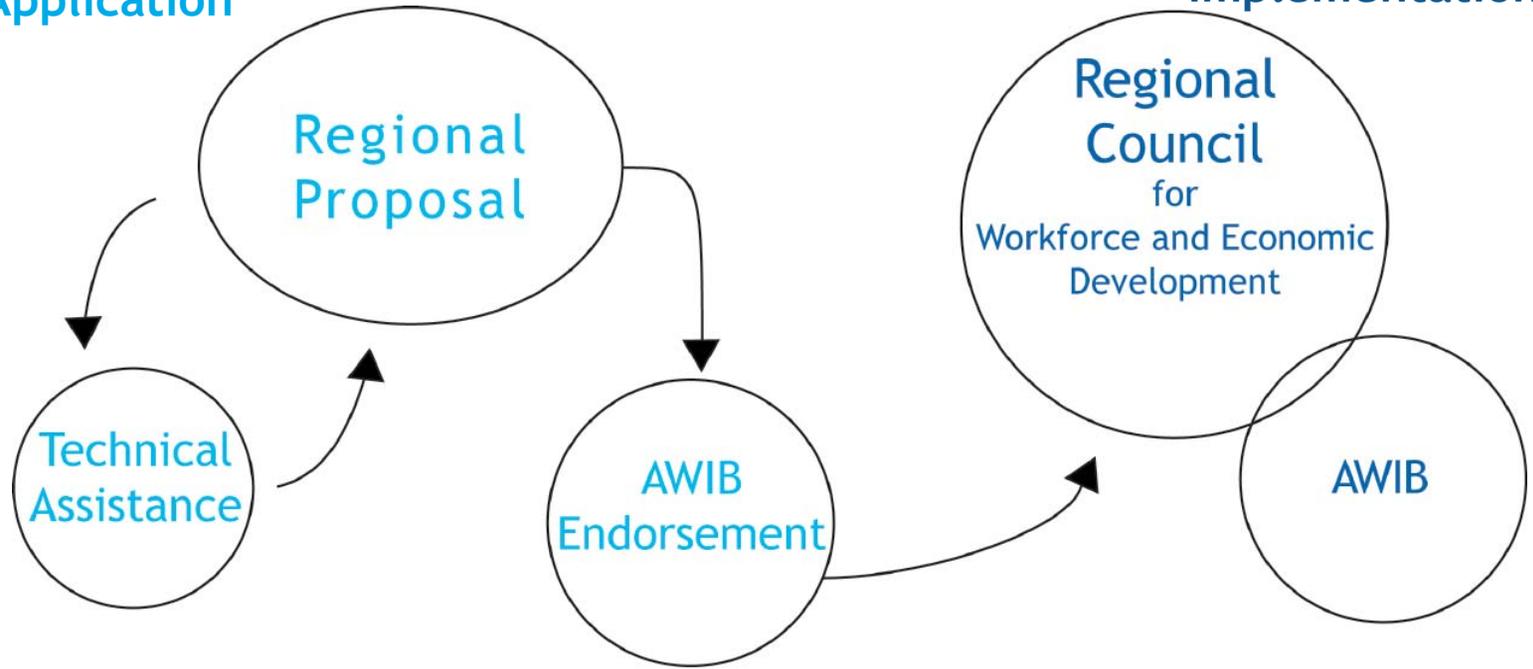
The creation of regional councils can provide the mechanism to connect the state workforce investment board to the regions.

- Maximize investment**
- Promote collaboration**
- Reduce duplication**
- Define shared priorities**



Central Southwest Interior North Slope Northwest Southeast

Application



Implementation

Who Speaks for the Region?

The state board believes decisions and actions based on regional cooperation have the greatest potential to successfully provide job training and attract businesses to every region in the state.

Regional councils with regional representation can give an inclusive voice to strategies for development in the region and promote efficient use of available financial resources.

Alaska’s geography and economic diversity challenges the workforce investment system to fairly distribute employment and training funds. Local leadership allows decisions to be made as closely as possible to those affected and will influence investment decisions.

NEXT STEPS

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board invites regional leadership to come forward with expressions of interest in establishing regional councils. The councils would be a collective voice in each region.

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