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First Annual Building Alaska's Future Apprenticeship Conference April 29

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development will host its first annual Building Alaska's Future Apprenticeship Conference Tuesday, April 29 in Anchorage at the Millennium Hotel from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The conference will feature an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding achievements toward building a skilled Alaska workforce through registered apprenticeship.

Registered apprenticeship is a national training system that combines paid learning on-the-job and technical instruction in a skilled occupation enabling employers to apply industry standards that can increase productivity and improve the quality of the workforce.

The conference is a one-day, action packed event with a full agenda, featuring keynote speakers, Mr. Anthony Swoope, past administrator, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, and widely acclaimed apprentice trainer/facilitator, Mr. Mark Breslin.

"One of my strong convictions and highest calls to action is preparing the next generation of Alaska's workers through registered apprenticeship," Commissioner Bishop stated in his invitation to hundreds of the state's employers, apprenticeship sponsors, administrators, instructors and coordinators, and all state legislators.

The conference registration is full to capacity this year and those who are attending represent a prominent cross-section of business and industry, the training community, and others who have an interest in advancing the registered apprenticeship model.

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