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### AGIA Training Report Receives National Recognition

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor's Research and Analysis section has been recognized for its contributions to the "AGIA Training Strategic Plan – A Call to Action" by two national organizations.

"Our training plan shows the way for us to close the Alaskan skills gap and prepare a workforce for this century," Labor and Workforce Commissioner Clark Bishop said. "Especially in today's economy, we need to have Alaskans prepared to build a gas pipeline."

The National Association of State Workforce Agencies recognized the report with one of 15 nationwide Labor Market Information Awards, lauding the work in the category of special studies and economic analysis as an innovative example of outstanding product development.

"The Research and Analysis staff helps track and explain area, state and national economic conditions, which helps provide a platform to plan workforce development and job training programs," said Brynn Keith, head of the Research and Analysis Section. "Though our work is generally appreciated by our customers, national recognition in the form of an award is very gratifying."

The report was also recognized by the Analyst Resource Center, which presented 14 national awards in the category of economic development. The ARC is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration and the states to enhance information delivery to workforce customers in the employment, education and economic development sectors.

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#### Related Information

AGIA Training Strategic Plan – A Call to Action  
[labor.alaska.gov/AGIA\\_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf](http://labor.alaska.gov/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf)

Alaska Workforce Information – Research and Analysis  
[laborstats.alaska.gov](http://laborstats.alaska.gov)

Alaska Economic Trends magazine  
[labor.alaska.gov/trends/home.htm](http://labor.alaska.gov/trends/home.htm)

Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
[labor.alaska.gov](http://labor.alaska.gov)