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### **Alaska Career and Technical Ed Plan: Joint Effort of Labor, Education and University**

JUNEAU, Alaska—A first-ever, comprehensive plan for Career and Technical Education in Alaska will help youth and adults obtain meaningful employment in the state.

The Alaska Career and Technical Education plan supports a connected system of statewide resources that focuses on both the education and training needs of students, and the workforce needs in the state. CTE enhances students' education by providing rigor and relevance to academic and career preparation.

The plan is a unified effort of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and the University of Alaska.

"Our goal is to align career and technical training programs in the state to provide maximum efficiency, effectiveness and access for all Alaskans," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "We're going to need the help of all of our stakeholders to realize this connected system so that Alaska and Alaskans benefit."

The plan calls for helping current and future workers identify interests, determine career goals, and develop the personal, academic and technical skills and abilities to accomplish those goals. In a world and workplace that is rapidly changing and evolving, successful job seekers need to develop these strategies early and will use them continuously throughout their careers.

"The goal of the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan is to support students as they transition from high school to postsecondary training and education that leads to careers," Education Commissioner Larry LeDoux said. "We must serve the needs of all of our students."

The new CTE plan builds on the work of the Gasline Training Plan and the Alaska Education Plan.

"Joining universities all over the U.S., the University of Alaska is hard at work with the state to make workforce training and education relevant to a 21st century economy," UA President Pat Gamble said.

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#### **Career and Technical Education Plan**

[http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/awib/forms/AK\\_CTE\\_Plan\\_AUG2010.pdf](http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/awib/forms/AK_CTE_Plan_AUG2010.pdf)

#### **Gasline Training Plan**

[http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/AGIA\\_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf](http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/AGIA_teams/docs-combined/agiaweb.pdf)

#### **Alaska Education Plan**

<http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/awib/2009-may-mtg-binder/cte.pdf>