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AVTEC Receives \$1 Million Economic Development Grant

JUNEAU, Alaska—AVTEC-Alaska's Institute of Technology has received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration that will help expand workforce training in Alaska.

"AVTEC trains Alaskans for the priority industries targeted by the Alaska Workforce Investment Board," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "This grant will focus on Alaska's hospitality, tourism and trucking industries."

The investment will fund construction and installation of equipment at AVTEC's Alaska Culinary Academy and help purchase heavy duty truck training equipment.

"This award will assist statewide competitiveness and economic development throughout Alaska," AVTEC Director Fred Esposito said. "It will allow the Alaska Culinary and Truck Technician programs to provide enhanced training for some of Alaska's most in-demand jobs."

AVTEC offers 16 long-term training programs ranging from six weeks to 11 months and roughly 60 short-term training programs that take from a week to six weeks to complete. Information is available online at www.AVTEC.edu, click on the "Training Programs/Courses" link or call 800-478-5389 or 907-224-3322.

AVTEC's main campus is in Seward. Classes for the school's Allied Health program are held in Anchorage. Remote-site and distance-delivery classes in nearly all AVTEC's training programs are available statewide.

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