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## AVTEC Provides Maritime Training to Indonesian Coast Guard and Navy

SEWARD, Alaska— AVTEC, Alaska's Institute of Technology, will provide maritime training for 15 members of the Indonesian Coast Guard and Navy. The Alaska Maritime Training Center, located at AVTEC's Seward campus, will host the two-week training August 24<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>. The training will cover the U.S. Coast Guard approved "Global Maritime Distress and Safety System," a complex international distress system that utilizes both land and satellite based communications. The Indonesian students are accompanied by a supervision team that includes an interpreter.

"AVTEC is proud to be a top quality maritime training facility with superior training technologies," said AVTEC Executive Director Ben Eveland. "Our Full Mission Bridge Simulator allows our staff to provide world class training, and we look forward to supporting the Indonesian Coast Guard and Navy's training needs."

The Indonesian Coast Guard and Navy are training at AVTEC because advanced maritime courses, like those utilizing AVTEC's Full Mission Bridge Simulator, are not offered in their region. This upper-level maritime training will immerse the students in the technical aspects of a simulated shipboard suite. The students arrived in Seward last week and will be staying in the AVTEC dormitories during their training.

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