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### **Alaska Apprenticeship Roundtable Features New Training Programs** *Employers expand Registered Apprenticeship training to benefit Alaska workers*

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is hosting a Registered Apprenticeship Roundtable on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in Chugiak. The roundtable will highlight major expansions of Alaska apprenticeships by employers in the [health care](#), [maritime](#), and [aviation](#) industries. It will also explore innovative new programs to link apprenticeship with college credit, in partnership with the University of Alaska and other institutions of higher education.

“Whether it’s a new apprenticeship in health care or a longstanding training program in construction, we know that Registered Apprenticeship is a cornerstone of Alaska’s strong middle class,” said Labor Commissioner Heidi Drygas.

Over the past year, the state has worked closely with employers from Fairbanks to Anchorage to Juneau to expand apprenticeship.

#### **Expansion of Apprenticeship in Alaska:**

- The Alaska Primary Care Association is starting Community Health Worker, Medical Biller/Coder, Medical Administrative Assistant, and Clinical Medical Assistant apprenticeships.
- The Alaska Air Carriers Association is developing Commercial Pilot, Airframe and Power Plant Mechanic, and Aircraft Dispatcher apprenticeships.
- Calista Corporation has started a multi-employer maritime apprenticeship program for Deckhand, Able Bodied Seaman, and other maritime occupations in partnership with Brice Marine and other employers.
- The University of Alaska Anchorage is developing a new program to link apprenticeships with college credit.

The roundtable will take place at the Alaska Laborers Training School, located at 17805 Old Glenn Highway in Chugiak, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 6<sup>th</sup> and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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