

The Governor's "LEGACY" Planning Process

- Created by Administrative Order during the 2009 legislative session.
- LEGACY was intended to help shape the next 50 years of economic diversification and job creation.
- A planning team was established, called the Alaska Diversified Economic Planning Team. Members include the Commissioners (or designees) of DCED, DOLWD, and DOTPF; the Executive Directors (or designees) of AHFC, AEA, and AIDEA; the University of Alaska President (or designee); and a representative from the office of the Governor.
 - The DCED Commissioner (or designee) served as the planning team chair.
- The ADEPT planning team formed work groups and conducted a one-day summit in late July.
 - Groups included Forest Products, Seafood, Tourism, Mining, Small Business, Military, In-state Energy, Health Care, Broadband, Transportation, Housing, Financing/Access to Capital, and Economists.
- The groups were asked to submit interim, draft reports in early October.
- After having an opportunity to evaluate the planning process, Governor Parnell advised the planning team that he intended to retain the process with some changes.
 - He intended to meet with the work groups personally, elevating the private sector input to the highest level of state government.
 - The composition of the work groups and the planning team would be modified at a future date.
 - An oil and gas group would be formed, as this industry was not addressed in the first phase.
 - The expectation of a December report was removed, as the process had been suspended for several months.
 - The AO was to be modified to reflect the current Governor's priorities.
 - Interaction with the Legislature needed to be incorporated into the planning process.
- Actions by the office of the Governor include:
 - Governor Parnell has met with several of the work groups to hear ideas and issues that affect their respective industries.
 - He is scheduling meetings with the remaining groups.
 - The Governor has also been meeting with private sector representatives on an ad hoc basis, and will continue this outreach.
 - Concurrently, Special Assistant Susan Bell served on the Alaska Forward Steering Committee.
 - As industry cluster groups are anticipated in Phase Two of Alaska Forward, participants in the LEGACY work groups will likely be combined in the larger planning process.
 - The Governor included funding for Phase Two of Alaska Forward in his FY11 budget.
- Several staff changes have occurred in DCED.
 - Mark Davis, who previously served as Deputy Commissioner and LEGACY chair, moved to a new role in AIDEA.
 - Deputy Commissioner Curtis Thayer was hired to oversee economic development functions of the Dept. He will serve as LEGACY chair.
 - Mark Kelsey, who had served on LEGACY on behalf of the office of the Governor, was moved into the Office of Economic Development.
 - Thayer and Kelsey utilized the interim, draft LEGACY reports in the development of the Inventory of Economic Development Opportunities for OED staff to pursue.
- Revisions to the AO have been drafted, but not publicly released.