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The Honorable Pete Kelly  
Senate President  
State Capitol, Room 111  
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon  
Speaker of the House  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Kelly and Representative Edgmon,

I am transmitting to you the annual Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) Report, including information about participants who were served in state fiscal year (FY) 2016 and performance results for participants from FY2015. This report is also available online:  
[http://labor.alaska.gov/awib/2016\\_TVEP\\_Report.pdf](http://labor.alaska.gov/awib/2016_TVEP_Report.pdf)

The report highlights the efforts of the statewide network of training providers who leverage TVEP funding to train Alaskans for Alaska's jobs. The TVEP recipients and amounts are designated by the legislature in AS 23.15.835. The ten recipients were allocated a total of \$12,510,900 in FY2016 and served a total of 10,295 participants, including youth and adults.

The return on investment in workforce programs such as TVEP includes increased employment, earnings, and resident hire, while reducing unemployment. TVEP is a highly effective program that is critical to developing an Alaskan workforce that meets regional and industry needs.

One of the department's highest legislative priorities is reauthorization of the TVEP program, which is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi Drygas".

Heidi Drygas  
Commissioner

Enclosure