

# OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**MISSION:** Facilitate successful tourism, film, fisheries, forest products, minerals and small business assistance programs in order to foster economic opportunity and increase economic activity in Alaska for the benefit of Alaskans.



PROGRAM	OVERVIEW	CONTACT	WEBSITE
<b>Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs)</b>	Supports development of economic regions in Alaska. The program is based on the notion that local organized regions, in partnership with the State, can most effectively stimulate economic development and produce healthy and sustainable local economies.	<b>Michael Hanzuk</b> (907) 269-8104 <a href="mailto:michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov">michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/ardor/ardor.htm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/ardor/ardor.htm</a>
<b>Small Business Assistance Center (SBAC)</b>	Assisting Alaskan entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing their businesses or ideas.	<b>Michael Hanzuk</b> (907) 269-8104 <a href="mailto:michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov">michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/smallbus/home.cfm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/smallbus/home.cfm</a>
<b>Alaskan Product Preference Program</b>	Alaskan businesses that manufacture a product with at least 25% value added in Alaska may submit for bids when doing business with the State of Alaska.	<b>Michael Hanzuk</b> (907) 269-8104 <a href="mailto:michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov">michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/prodpref/prodpref.htm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/prodpref/prodpref.htm</a>
<b>Made In Alaska</b>	Supports local manufacturers and products made in Alaska. Participants are eligible to use the "Made In Alaska "Mother Bear and cub" Logo on their products	<b>Michael Hanzuk</b> (907) 269-8104 <a href="mailto:michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov">michael.hanzuk@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.madeinalaska.org">http://www.madeinalaska.org</a>
<b>Developing Alaska Rural Tourism (DART)</b>	Partnership project between Alaska Office of Economic Development (OED) and US Economic Development Administration (EDA) to provide technical assistance and training for regional and community tourism development efforts, and provide business mentorship opportunities for new tourism businesses in rural Alaska.	<b>Odin Brudie</b> (907) 465-5466 <a href="mailto:odin.brudie@alaska.gov">odin.brudie@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://commerce.state.ak.us/oed/dart/home.htm">http://commerce.state.ak.us/oed/dart/home.htm</a>
<b>Tourism Mentorship Assistance Program (TMAP)</b>	OED pairs up new entrepreneurs with experienced visitor industry mentors who will assist them with business and market development.	<b>Dru Garson</b> (907) 465-2162 <a href="mailto:dru.garson@alaska.gov">dru.garson@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/TMAP/home.cfm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/TMAP/home.cfm</a>
<b>AlaskaHost Program</b>	Customer service training for the visitor industry. Participants get "hands-on" experience and skills in serving or working with visitors. A certificated program available at low or no-cost to rural communities.	<b>Dru Garson</b> (907) 465-2162 <a href="mailto:dru.garson@alaska.gov">dru.garson@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/alaskahost/home.htm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/alaskahost/home.htm</a>

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Alaska Film Office	Our mission is to develop Alaska as a prime location for film, television, commercial, and new media productions. We offer information and assistance as well as administering Alaska's Film Production Tax Credit. Producers can receive transferable tax credits between on eligible expenses. Alaska companies can purchase these credits at a discount and apply them to their tax liabilities. We are also working to increase Alaska's film production infrastructure and crew-base.	<b>Dave Worrell</b> (907) 269-8491 <a href="mailto:david.worrell@alaska.gov">david.worrell@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.film.alaska.gov">www.film.alaska.gov</a>
Minerals Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide industry information to the public and others</li> <li>• Work with industry and public to identify and resolve impediments to minerals development</li> <li>• Support efforts to improve workforce development and technical education for employment in the minerals industry</li> <li>• Provide administrative support for the Alaska Minerals Commission</li> <li>• Participate in preparation of the annual Alaska Minerals Industry report</li> </ul>	<b>Rich Hughes</b> (907) 451-2738 <a href="mailto:rich.hughes@alaska.gov">rich.hughes@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/minerals/mining.htm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/minerals/mining.htm</a>
Forestry Development	<p>Emerging technologies using wood are more available now than in the past. The Alaska Village Initiative (AVI) is partnering with the State, FEDC others to explore wood-based energy opportunities in rural Alaska - these could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cordwood systems</li> <li>• Pellet-feed systems</li> <li>• Bio-diesel</li> </ul> <p>Also works with industry developing markets for timber products</p>	<b>Jack Phelps</b> (907) 269-8115 <a href="mailto:jack.phelps@alaska.gov">jack.phelps@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/forest_products/forest_products.htm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/forest_products/forest_products.htm</a>
Fisheries Development	<p>Work with Regional Seafood Development Associations (RSDAs) and help to bring new RSDAs into existence (currently four statewide)</p> <p>Work with small Alaska seafood businesses and provide technical information for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct seafood marketing</li> <li>• Loan sources for vessel upgrades</li> <li>• Seafood export market data and opportunities</li> </ul>	<b>Kevin O'Sullivan</b> (907) 465-5464 <a href="mailto:kevin.osullivan@alaska.gov">kevin.osullivan@alaska.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/seafood/seafood.cfm">http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/oed/seafood/seafood.cfm</a>