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Brian Holst joined the Juneau Economic Development Council in February 2008 as Executive Director. Brian has worked in community and economic development for the past twenty years. His experience includes working with diverse groups in challenging economic climates in the developing world, with extensive experience in Latin America and Eastern Europe. He served as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in small business development and has worked as an international consultant, small business owner, and has led large-scale relief and development efforts. Program areas he has managed include micro-finance, small business assistance, community development, environmental initiatives, infrastructure development, housing, and conflict prevention/mitigation. Brian is a graduate of Juneau-Douglas High School.

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Mark Myers serves as the Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he oversees administration of the university's \$123-million-per-year research enterprise and supervises the university's standalone research institutes.

Prior to serving in this capacity Myers held various senior executive, scientific research and petroleum industry positions including the State of Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Coordinator and the 14th Director of the United States Geologic Survey where he managed the Nation's largest water, earth and biological science and civilian mapping agency. Before joining the USGS he was employed as State Geologist and Director of the Division of Oil and Gas for the State of Alaska. He has also worked in various exploration and development positions with Chevron, ARCO, and Phillips Petroleum. In 2003 Myers retired as a Lt.Col. from the Air Force Reserve.

Myers is an internationally recognized clastic sedimentologist and expert on North Slope petroleum geology. He holds BS and MS degrees in Geology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.