



NORTHWESTERN ALASKA CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

& EARLY DEVELOPMENT

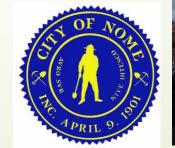
Status of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the Bering Straits region: A Nome-based Regional Training Center Perspective

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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



#### Workforce Development Mission:

- NACTEC delivers variable term (2-4 week intensive formats) residential CTE programs aligning with priority industries: Healthcare, Transportation, Construction, Hospitality & Tourism, Seafood Harvesting & Processing, Natural Resource Development.
  - DMV 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiner/Approved D.E. School
  - AVTEC Maritime: USCG certified training (certifications)
  - UAF-CTC: FAA approval Aviation Maintenance (dual credit)
  - Healthcare: HLTH 105 to PCA/CNA/Health Aide



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#### CTE Training = Workforce Development Alignment



#### Arctic Deep Draft Port Project in Nome Authorized by Congress

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AFTER YEARS OF WAITING, THE ARCTIC DEEP DRAFT PORT project in Nome was authorized by Congress on December 21st and is ready to move forward.

- 1. \$600M Congress appropriation for a Deep Draft Port in Nome
- 2. Graphite Creek highest grade large flake graphite deposit in U.S.

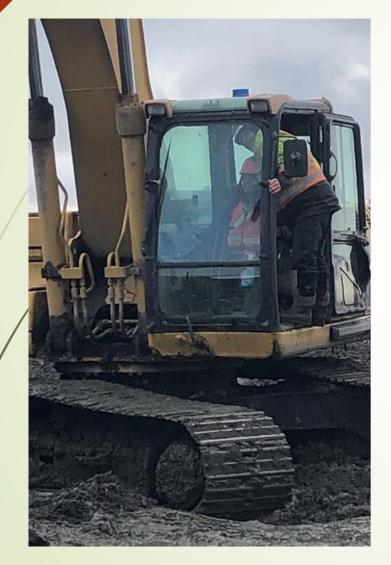
#### US government gives high priority status to Graphite One's Alaskan project

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Drill platform at Graphite One's Graphite Creek project in western Alaska. Credit: Graphite One

# Heavy Equipment Operator Training











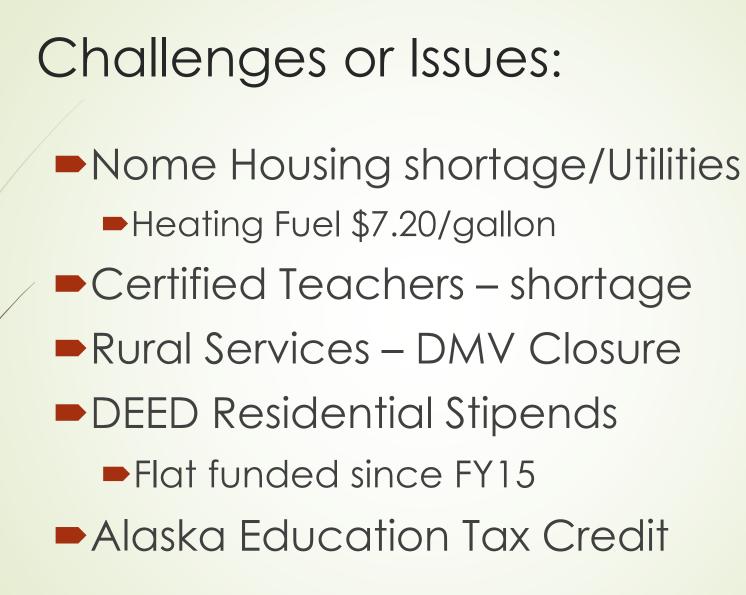
### Fisheries/Seafood/Maritime Industries













### Alaska Education Tax Credit (ETC)

Fiscal Year	ETC Total	Budget Total	% ETC
FY10	400K	1.3M	31%
FY11	200K	1.32M	15%
FY12	550K	1.39M	40%
FY13	200K	1.24M	16%
FY14	300K	1.17M	26%
FY15	405K	1.76M	24%
FY16	595K	1.7M	36%
FY17	506K	1.65M	30%
FY18	542K	1.69M	29%
FY19	509K	1.86M	30%
FY20	<b>280K</b>	1.67M	16%
FY21	120K	1.8M	7%
FY22	184K	2.5M	7%





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# Impacts:

#### ETC: Business/Industry less Education Contributions

Workforce shortage (Visa process)

Cost of Living: Housing, utilities

# Solutions:

- Teacher Licensure:
  - Lifetime Certificates Other States
  - DEED Boarding School Stipends
    - Statutory funding increase
- Rural Services
  - DMV Business Partner Contracts
    - 3 or 5 year renewal process
  - Power Cost Equalization (PCE)





**AVIATION PROGRAM** 







Aviation Maintenance

Aviation Ground School