

# Alaska CTE Plan Status: October 15, 2014

## Overview

Since August of 2010, when the Alaska Career and Technical Education (CTE) Plan was published, we have seen changes on a variety of fronts, including transitions in state leadership, staff, funding, and education standards, as well as legislation at both the state and federal levels. Throughout this timeframe, the three CTE Plan partner agencies, the Departments of Education & Early Development and Labor and Workforce Development and the University of Alaska System, have remained constant in their commitment to the vision of the CTE Plan, and their staff have continued to work towards successful implementation of the Plan's six strategies along with a renewed focus on communication to all stakeholders.

Current state agency leadership continue to support CTE and the CTE Plan. Their letter of recommitment demonstrates their strong commitment and that of the administration in continuing to build a robust CTE system throughout our state, across agencies and institutions, and encompassing workforce professionals, educators, business and industry, parents, students, and the public.

## CTE Investments and Initiatives

Significant investments have been made towards implementing the CTE plan and strengthening CTE since 2010:

- \$2.5M in Alaska CTE Plan Implementation grants (competitive) to high school & postsecondary programs
- \$4.7M three-year total from CTE increment to K-12 foundation formula for middle & high school CTE
- \$40M for ten CTE providers through the state Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) funding
- \$3M annually in federal Perkins grants to participating secondary and postsecondary CTE programs

Initiatives that have incorporated attributes of the CTE Plan include:

- Adoption of branding the CTE logo "*CTE: Learning that Works for Alaska*"
- Revision of the Alaska Oil and Gas Workforce Development Plan 2014-2018
- Publication of the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan in 2014
- Continued implementation of the Alaska Health Workforce Plan
- Personal Learning & Career Plans (PLCPs) used in most school districts and required in CTE grants

Professional development opportunities and accountability benefitting from the CTE Plan:

- Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education (Alaska ACTE)
  - Membership growth and greater participation in annual professional development conferences
- University of Alaska Transitions Coalition (formerly Tech Prep Consortium)
  - Increased enrollment in dual credit/Tech Prep by high school students
  - Greater focus on performance metrics, e.g., dual credit and inventory of articulation agreements
  - Expanding opportunities for industry credentials for high demand job opportunities
  - New model for college and career readiness
- CTE Educators
  - Update of regulations for high school CTE "Type M" teacher certification
  - Needs survey resulting in improved CTE professional development opportunities

## Call to Action

We invite your participation to implement components of the Alaska CTE Plan that are most applicable to your community or agency, and we encourage your input as we advocate for greater integration of successful CTE practices into the education and employment sectors of our state.

Sincerely,  
CTE Plan Action Team

For more details on CTE in Alaska and CTE Plan Activities, please see our website at [www.alaskacteplan.com](http://www.alaskacteplan.com).