
Workforce Development Working Group Resolution 2024-01

Whereas the Workforce Development Working Group was formed in 2021 at the request of members of the communities closest to the road to provide input on workforce development, contracting, and general economic development in regards to the Ambler Access Project ("Project");

Whereas the Workforce Development Working Group is a non-partisan group that functions independently of the Project sponsor, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA);

Whereas the Workforce Development Working Group is committed to serving the Project area community members' interests to ensure that opportunities are made available to local communities and community members; and

Whereas the community of Allakaket and Tribe of Allakaket in is pursuing access to develop a winter road from Allakaket to the Dalton Highway. The winter road will allow for access to lower cost of living in the community by transporting materials, equipment and fuel by winter road instead of air transport;

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That the Workforce Development Working Group:

1. Acknowledges the current high cost of essential good and services in area communities as a contributing factor the need to support job creation during every phase of the project;
2. Acknowledges the devastating and destructive results from lack of opportunity, meaningful engagement, employment, and the affordability of essential goods and services;
3. Supports Allakaket's efforts to build their community and development of a winter road which would provide economic development for Allakaket and lower the cost of goods that is currently being provided by air transport. The proposed winter road could provide an opportunity for workforce training that would prepare the future workforce needs of the Ambler Road.



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