

Alaska Infrastructure Symposium

REGIONAL PLANNING, GRANT TRAINING, AND WORKFORCE STRATEGY

The goal of the Alaska Infrastructure Symposium is to maximize the benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for Alaska. Senator Lisa Murkowski is hopeful that “Alaska companies, organizations, and Tribal and local governments can meet with federal agencies charged with managing significant grant programs, form or strengthen relationships with federal officials, and respond effectively when they take these opportunities home.”

The Alaska Infrastructure Coordinating Committee (AICC) hosts three sessions on April 12th, where attendees will have the chance to choose from and actively participate in:

- ❑ **Regional Infrastructure Planning Workshop**
Help identify priorities and overcome challenges to implementation in your region
- ❑ **Grant Preparation Training and Technical Assistance**
Learn more about grant response and focus on skills development
- ❑ **Workforce Development Strategy Dialogue**
Contribute to planning for addressing the current and potential labor shortage.

Yes, there’s a lot to choose from. Attendees can divide and conquer, sending individuals from your team to different sessions; focus on a priority and fully engage in one session; or split your time depending on your interests and agenda. You’ll benefit most from active participation.

There are also other resources in the room. Organizational or agency experts have colored dots on their name badges to reflect expertise. Feel reach to talk with any of these individuals to learn more or ask questions.

- **Transportation**
- **Water and Sewer**
- **Resilience**
- **Broadband**
- **Energy and Power**

The Alaska Infrastructure Coordinating Committee (AICC) is an informal network of Alaska organizations that work to share information, foster collaboration, and see Alaska maximize its potential response to these opportunities. If you need help while you’re attending either of the two days, look for the gold star on their name badge. The AICC hosts <https://akfederalfunding.org/> – a clearinghouse for Alaskans.



Regional Planning Workshop

Tikahtnu Ballroom A

- 9am** **Welcome and Introductions**
- Nicole Borromeo**, Alaska Federation of Natives
 - Nils Andreassen**, Alaska Municipal League
 - Miles Baker**, Office of the Governor
- 9:30am** **Takeaways from Grant Symposium – A Strategic Alaska Approach**
- Transportation – **James Marks**, Alaska DOT&PF
 - Broadband – **Christine O’Connor**, Alaska Telecommunications Association
 - Water and Sewer – **John Nichols**, ANTHC, and **Carrie Bohan**, Alaska DEC
 - Resilience – **Jocelyn Fenton**, Denali Commission
 - Energy and Power – **Crystal Enkvist**, Alaska Power Association
- 10:15am** Break
- 10:30am** **Planning for Regional Infrastructure Priorities**
- Break into groups by region and then by infrastructure “bucket” – energy and power, water and sewer, transportation and facilities, broadband and cybersecurity, and resilience and pollution prevention. Identify priorities within the region and processes in place for regional planning. Report out regional challenges and opportunities.
- Northern + Interior
 - Western + Central
 - “Southcoast” - Southwest + Southeast
- Noon** Lunch on your own
- 1pm** **Regional Collaboration**
- Break into groups by region. Identify problem statement and local, regional, or statewide solutions. Report out on challenges and opportunities.
- Maintenance and Operations
 - Procurement Planning
 - Intergovernmental Collaboration
 - Match Requirements
- 2:30pm** Break and Broadband – **Mike Navarre**, Rasmuson Foundation
- 3pm** **Plenary Report out**
- 4pm** **Closing Statements**
- 4:30pm** Adjourn

Grant Preparation Training and Technical Assistance

Tikahtnu Ballroom B

- 9am** **Welcome and Overview of the Agenda**
 Laurie Wolf, Foraker Group
- 9:15am** **Making the Most of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**
 Prioritization and Strategic Planning - **Aurah Landau**, HDR
- 9:45am** **Pre-Application Process and Planning**
 Sustainability Model - **Laurie Wolf**, Foraker Group
 Leveraging Partnerships – **Alexandra McKay**, Rasmuson Foundation
 Matching Needs and Eligibility to Opportunities - **Aurah Landau**, HDR
- 10:30am** Break
- 10:45am** **Grant Application – Leading Up to and Responding to the NOFO**
 Joan Herrmann, Alaska Project Solutions
 Jennifer Harrington, Sr. Director of Development, ANTHC
- Noon** Lunch on your own
- 1pm** **Grant Application – Technical Analyses**
 This session will look at the technical aspects of an infrastructure grant, including environmental reviews, design/engineer/construct phases, and benefit cost analysis.
 Aurah Landau, HDR
 Joselyn Biloon, Alaska DOT&PF Interim Statewide Grants Coordinator
- 2pm** Break
- 2:15pm** **Grant Project Management and Q & A**
 This facilitated Q&A will provide an opportunity to learn more about how to prepare to manage a federal grant, including to prepare for staff development, workplan, schedule, and budget management, and reporting.
 Zoe Olson, Foraker Group
 Christopher Campbell, Principal Consultant, Tilson Technology Management, Inc
 Aurah Landau, HDR
 Joan Herrmann, Alaska Project Solutions
- 3:30pm** **Closing – Available Resources**
 Kristina Woolston, Rasmuson Broadband Support
 Nils Andreassen, AML grant-writing hotline and technical assistance
 Nicole Borromeo, AFN Community Navigator Program
- 4pm** Adjourn

Dialogue on Alaska Workforce Development Strategy

Tikahtnu Ballroom C/D

9am

Leadership Opening Remarks

- Sean Parnell**, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Dr. Tamika Ledbetter**, Commissioner, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
- Sana Efird**, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Framing the Conversation

- Dan Robinson**, Research Chief, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
- Jon Bittner**, Executive Director, Alaska Small Business Development Center
- Nolan Klouda**, Executive Director, Center for Economic Development

10:15am

Break

10:30am

Strategic Doing: Linking, Aligning, and Leveraging Workforce Partnerships

- Liz Nilsen**, Associate Director, Agile Strategy Lab

Goal-Setting – Group Discussion

- Regional and state priorities and implementation strategies
- Bridging economic and workforce development
- Short and long-term planning and needs

Noon

Break for lunch on your own

1pm

Regional Planning Sessions – Strategic Doing

Organize by region to respond to central questions

- Identify challenges and opportunities to address Alaska's workforce and economic needs within and across regions
- Solutions by sector or infrastructure bucket
- Discuss what could we do, what should we do, and what will we do to achieve common goals
- Identify champions to turn conversations into action

3pm

Break

3:30pm

Facilitated Regional Report Outs

- Themes and priorities
- Identify actions
- Next steps and timeline

4:30pm

Adjourn