

# Maritime Works: An Alaska Careers Partnership

**Mission:** To steer the implementation of the *Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan* to ensure outcomes meet industry needs.

## MAY 2015 UPDATE

### Update from Maritime Works Steering Committee

- Greg Pavellas, Director of Operations for Crowley, accepted the Chair position for the industry committee, replacing Kris Norosz. Former industry committee member, Aggie Fouts, was hired to serve as the new coordinator for Maritime Works.

- In early May, the Steering Committee agreed to rename the Industry Advisory Committee to Maritime Works: An Alaska Careers Partnership. Though the name of the group has changed, the mission remains the same.

### General Updates

- Several Steering Committee members participated in a webinar hosted by Workforce3One on Industry Driven Sector Strategies on April 28. The [webinar](#) addressed sector partnerships in which industry sets the agenda, helps design and even delivers workforce services. The collaborative model discussed is the approach Maritime Works intends to use to engage with industry, education providers, funders, and agencies to collectively impact maritime workforce development in Alaska.

- At the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) meeting in Seward May 7, Fouts and Pavellas presented on the formation of Maritime Works, its role in support of the *Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan* and discussed industry workforce needs.

- On May 14, the Business Education Compact hosted a cross-industry workforce development meeting. In attendance were representatives of Maritime Works, the oil and gas, mining, healthcare, and construction industries as well as the University of Alaska, and Alaska Departments of Labor and Education. The purpose of the meeting was to continue to collaborate across the various industries by defining cross-industry priority occupations at the skill level, common career pathways, key employability skills, how best to interact with the AWIB and alignment with the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

- The Alaska Congressional Delegation 2015 Federal Grants Symposium was held on May 27 in Anchorage. The agenda included presentations from several local nonprofits on the topic of federal grants and fundraising, followed by a federal agency fair with information about available federal funding opportunities in Alaska. Fouts attended the symposium on behalf Maritime Works.

- At a meeting on May 18 in Ketchikan, First Bank awarded Maritime Works with a \$5,000 Community Development Grant to assist with maritime workforce development efforts.



### Working Groups

Five working groups have formed and are active in implementing the Maritime Plan. If you would like to participate in a working group, please contact the chairs. Their information along with updates, as they become available, can be found at:

- [Vessel Repair and Maintenance](#)
- [Refrigeration](#)
- [Vessel Engineering and Licensing](#)
- [Career Awareness](#)
- Ship Building and Repair

### Recent Articles & Information

- [Associated Press: Businesses, schools partner on Alaska maritime job skills](#)
- [Alaska Journal of Commerce: Seward leading maritime workforce, infrastructure efforts](#)
- *Ketchikan Daily News: Grant awarded, First Bank has awarded a \$5,000 community development grant to Maritime Works*

### Upcoming Events

- Alaska Sea Grant has announced several opportunities, including:
  - [Smoking Alaska Seafood for Fun and Profit](#), October 7-9, 2015 in Kodiak.
  - [Alaska Seafood Processing Leadership Institute](#), November 9-13, 2015 in Kodiak

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