



Employment & Transportation Committee Spring 2021 Update

Anna Attla - Chair

Committee Members

Council Members & Staff

- ▶ Anna Attla
- ▶ Charlene Tautfest
- ▶ Corey Gilmore
- ▶ Dave Fleurant
- ▶ Duane Mayes

- ▶ Jamie Kokoszka – staff
- ▶ Jess Doherty – staff
- ▶ Kristin Vandagriff - staff

Committee Members, cont'd

Guests

- ▶ Beth Wilson
- ▶ Corina Castillo-Shephard
- ▶ Dave Fleurant
- ▶ David Bérube
- ▶ Demetria Veasy
- ▶ Eric Boyer
- ▶ Eric Gurley
- ▶ Gail Sorensen
- ▶ Gina Bastian
- ▶ Gwen Sargent
- ▶ Heather Chord
- ▶ Jim Kreatschman
- ▶ Jimael Johnson
- ▶ Karen Heath
- ▶ Karen Ward
- ▶ Katarzyna Sowa-Lapinskas
- ▶ Kelda Barstad
- ▶ Lance Haynes
- ▶ Lizette Stiehr
- ▶ Marcus Sanders
- ▶ Mary Middleton
- ▶ Paris Butler
- ▶ Patrick Reinhart
- ▶ Paul Deery
- ▶ Randy Brown
- ▶ Ric Nelson
- ▶ Roger Shelley
- ▶ Sherri McDonald

Updates Since September - 1

- ▶ Held a Virtual BEST Employment First Job Fair
 - ▶ Partnered with DHSS, DOL, Job Center
 - ▶ Statewide reach
 - ▶ 33 employers
 - ▶ 497 site visits over 4 days

Business Employment Services Team (BEST)

Employment First Virtual Job Fair

March 30th – April 2nd

Link to Virtual Job Fair:
<https://jobs.alaska.gov/jobfairs/virtual.html>



Employers

Let BEST help you find excellent employees!

- Virtual Job fair is open to all employers and the public—statewide.
- Free virtual space and advertising for employers (please use Zoom platform).
- Employers may create and post a schedule of availability to meet with job seekers virtually (optional).
- This virtual job fair includes specific marketing for job seekers with disabilities.

**Registration Deadline
March 19th**

BEST is an interagency collaboration between the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and Labor and Workforce Development as well as other state and federal agencies dedicated to meeting the workforce needs of Alaska Businesses while improving hiring outcomes for individuals with disabilities and veterans.

Alaska is an Employment First state where real wages and real jobs for Alaskans with disabilities are the first and preferred outcomes!

Equal Opportunity Program. ASL provided and other reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Ryan.Scott@alaska.gov.

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Updates Since September - 2

- ▶ Expanded reach of Employment & Transportation Committee
 - ▶ Regular guests include Municipality of Anchorage Public Transportation, Alaska Mobility Coalition, Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation, and Community Connections staff
- ▶ Participation in Alaska Work Matters Task Force efforts
- ▶ Collaborated on activities for next 5-year state plan

Updates Since September - 3

- ▶ Working on updating Employment First reporting
- ▶ Receiving monthly updates from DVR director & Employment First Coordinator
- ▶ Future Goals
 - ▶ Public Transportation improvements in Anchorage / Mat-su



Questions?