



*"65% of Working-Age Alaskans with a Postsecondary Credential by 2025"*

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Fellow Alaskans,

During these trying times, the need for a well-trained, essential Alaskan workforce is apparent every day. We continue to persevere and strive to stay connected with our neighbors and peers as we navigate the new unknown.

The Alaska Postsecondary Access and Completion Network was formed with the mission to build and strengthen Alaska networks and partnerships to increase the percentage of all Alaskans who complete postsecondary education, particularly credentials relevant to a robust Alaskan economy. Our shared vision is Alaska's economy is driven by Alaskans.

We know that nearly two-thirds of the jobs in Alaska will require some form of continued education in the near future. The goal of "65 by 2025" refers to the need to increase the percentage of working-age Alaskans who hold postsecondary credentials – from apprenticeships or certificate completion to advance degrees – to 65% by the year 2025.

Now is the time to remember our shared mission, vision, and goals to address the training needs of our workforce. Now is the time to connect safely and remotely across our great state and continue sharing resources, training opportunities, best practices, and create synergy in a time of unknown. This year our focus is Data in Action! Let us use the information we have to inform our decisions and actions for the future.

Please join us in safely engaging and participating in postsecondary access and completion opportunities. Start here at [65by2025.org](https://65by2025.org) to find out more on how you can get involved and share your voice towards the goal of a well-trained Alaskan workforce!

Sincerely,

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