Leadership to Foster, Enhance and Promote Economic Development

KPEDD Project Update

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Who We Are

- 501 (C) 4 Regional Economic Development Organization
- Independent 13 Seat Diverse Regional Board of Directors
- Current Contracts Include EDA & Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Working Closely With State & Local Communities
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<td>• Coordinate region-wide economic development with communities</td>
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<td><strong>Infrastructure and Technology</strong></td>
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<td>• Expanded broadband access</td>
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<td><strong>Workforce and Human Capital</strong></td>
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<td>• Workforce attraction and retention</td>
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<td><strong>Business Climate and Entrepreneurship</strong></td>
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<td>• Promote responsible development</td>
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<td>• Develop entrepreneurial ecosystem</td>
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<td><strong>Quality of Place</strong></td>
<td>• Develop Kenai Peninsula &quot;brand&quot; for residents, visitors, and businesses</td>
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<td>• Promote expansion of recreational amenities and public access</td>
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<td><strong>Knowledge Creation and Dissemination</strong></td>
<td>• Track and report economic and demographic trends</td>
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The Kenai Peninsula Borough is a microcosm of Alaska’s best features: economic diversity, limitless opportunity, glacial rivers, vast mountain ranges, boundless spruce forests and coastal fjords.
3 of the top ports in the U.S. for seafood landings

Lower taxes than Anchorage or State-average

$111,360 less Average home price is less than Anchorage
Healthcare
Percent of jobs in healthcare

Gross Sales in Healthcare

Number of KPB healthcare jobs

Number of Healthcare Establishments

Change from the 2013-14 to 2018-19 school years for the Kenai Peninsula School District. Source: DEED.

Source: KPB Finance Department

Source: BLS QCEW

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2,658
The number of job postings for healthcare jobs. The most of any industry in KPB (EMSI Analyst).

2nd
Healthcare employs the 2nd largest number of people in KPB (DOL&WD).

77
The number of new healthcare jobs in the last 3 years. The most new jobs of any industry in the KPB (DOL&WD).
We are proud to offer a range of educational options, including the forty-four schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, the Kenai Peninsula College, an extension of the University of Anchorage, located in Soldotna and Homer, and AVTEC Technical Institute located in Seward. Our schools outperform state averages in graduation rates and test scores, year after year.
NEED BUSINESS ASSISTANCE?
Give us a call, send us an email, or check out our frequently asked questions links below.

**ALASKA NAICS CODES**
Line of Business/Alaska NAICS Code

**ENTITY FACTS AND QUESTIONS**
Entity Type FAQs

**NEW ALASKA BUSINESS LICENSE**
Business Licensing Forms & Fees

**WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN**
Business Plan Outline – Cheat Sheet

**ASSISTANCE WITH PERMITTING**
Professional Licensing

**MADE IN ALASKA**
Products made, manufactured, or handcrafted in the state
DISASTER PLANNING

Preparing for natural disasters is an important part of living in Alaska for both individuals and business owners. The State experienced more than 55,000 earthquakes in 2018, including a 7.0 magnitude quake just north of Anchorage on November 30th. Fires and severe storms are also a natural part of Alaska's ecosystem, but can destroy life, property, and resources. Planning ahead for these natural events can save lives, time and money.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

State of Alaska Designates Opportunity Zones

April 20, 2018 JUNEAU—The State of Alaska has formally designated 25 Opportunity Zones as part of a federal program designed to drive long term capital to distressed communities.

A total of 60 census tracts were identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury as low-income communities that were eligible for the designation. Of these, the State was able to nominate as many as 25 of these tracts as Opportunity Zones. When selecting among the eligible tracts, the State weighed numerous considerations based on available information and public input from business and community leaders across the state, including:

- Economic hardship
- Geographic representation
- Project feasibility
- Alignment with existing initiatives
- Community support

The State of Alaska is designating the following Opportunity Zones:

1. Aleutians East
2. Aleutians West & St. Paul Island
3. Iver
4. Ship Creek
5. Muldoon
6. Muldoon
7. Fairview
8. Midtown/Spandan
9. Midtown Anchorage
10. Upper Kuskokwim
11. Downtown Fairbanks
12. Downtown Fairbanks
13. Fort Wainwright/Chena
14. Haines Borough
15. Wrangell & Angoon
16. Tyonek
Our Partners

- Alaska Dept. Labor & Workforce Development
- Office of Senators Murkowski & Sullivan
- Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
- Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
- EXCEL Alaska
- Kenai Peninsula College – Upstream Academy
- Wells Fargo
- AVTEC
- Challenger Center
- Kenai Peninsula Driving Instruction
- Kenai Peninsula Construction Academy
Kenai Peninsula Borough Update:

- Workplace Safety Priority to Reduce Worker’s Comp Costs
- Reduced 2019 General Fund Operational Budget by $300K
- Established New Land Trust Investment Fund
- Reduced 2018 Deficient Spending Projection from $4M to $434K
- Emergency Management Upgrade – Boroughwide Emergency Alert System
- Passed Economic Development Ordinance, Providing Tax Incentives for New Businesses
- Supported Borough Fire Service Areas with Increased Emergency Responders, New Facilities, Apparatus Replacements, Station Alerting, CAD, and EPHESA
- Implemented Technology Upgrades
- Work to Establish an Abandoned Car and Junk Yard Ordinance
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Update:

- April 2017
  - Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) submits application to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct and operate the Alaska LNG Project
- July 2017 – November 2019
  - FERC submits to AGDC eleven (11) separate Data Requests
  - Data Requests total 1,895 requests for additional environmental and engineering information
- June 2019
  - FERC issued the draft environmental impact statement (draft EIS) for the Project
- September 2019
  - FERC holds eight (8) public comment meetings in Alaska soliciting comments on the Alaska LNG Project draft EIS
- December 2019
  - AGDC submits the final responses to the Data Requests
- March 2020
  - FERC publication of the Notice of Availability of the Final EIS
- June 2020
  - Issuance of Final FERC Order
Special Thank You To Our Sponsors!

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Kenai Peninsula Borough
Cities and Chambers of Seward, Homer, Soldotna, Kenai & Seldovia
TOTE Maritime
Homer Electric Association
AVTEC
Alaska Oil and Gas Association
Harbor 360 Hotel
Altman Rogers and Company
Peak Oilfield Services
All American Oilfield
Avis
Leadership to enhance, foster and promote economic development

2021 Industry Outlook Forum
January 6\textsuperscript{th} in Kenai

See You There!

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