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Andrews Named Pipeline Training Administrator

JUNEAU, Alaska—Gerry Andrews has been named pipeline training administrator to oversee the planning, coordination and implementation of the Alaska Gasline Training Plan. The nationally recognized plan is designed to maximize employment of Alaskans to meet the challenge of rebuilding aging oilfields and preparing a workforce for construction, operation and maintenance of Alaska's gaslines.

"Gerry will work with all of the agencies involved with building a gasline, including the Alaska Departments of Education and Early Development, Transportation and Public Facilities, Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "He'll also work with the gasline licensees, Office of the Federal Coordinator, training providers and industry representatives."

Working with experts from the private and public sectors, Andrews, Labor Career and Technical Education Specialist Jeff Selvey, and Education and Early Development Career and Technical Education Coordinator Helen Mehrkens are leading development and implementation of an integrated Career and Technical Education system for Alaska that will address the need to develop the talent of a new generation of workers and to replace retiring skilled workers.

Andrews will continue to serve as the state's apprenticeship coordinator, promoting apprenticeship as a strategy for workforce development.

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