# State of Alaska



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# Request for Information Alaska Aviation Career Pathways

# **Background**

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gather information, data, and knowledge that will help Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development (DEED):

- (i) to formulate a vision for making Alaska the nation's premier center for aviation CTE programs and pathways; and
- (ii) to create a comprehensive, strategic CTE plan that will ensure that all programs and pathways from secondary to post-secondary to entry into Alaska's labor market are coordinated, effective, and nonduplicative.

# The purpose of this RFI is to:

- 1. Obtain information and data that will help DEED advance Alaska to the forefront and cutting-edge of our nation's aviation CTE programs and pathways.
- 2. Provide DEED with the information and data that will enable it to more effectively formulate a new vision and strategic plan to accomplish #1, above.
- 3. Ensure all of Alaska's CTE's programs and pathways, from secondary school through entry into the labor market, are well-coordinated and complementary.

This information is important as it will not only help DEED in its efforts to establish Alaska as a second-to-none center for aviation CTE programs and pathways, but also will help strengthen Alaska's aviation industry by preparing and equipping a new generation of students who will become the industry's top aviation professionals.

#### Areas of Interest

- What CTE programs and pathways (at the secondary and post-secondary level) currently exist that do <u>not</u> receive Perkins V funds, and what certifications and/or licenses do they offer?
- Where are the gaps and what are the weaknesses in our programs and pathways that are preparing secondary and post-secondary students for aviation careers in Alaska, and what can we do to address them?
- Which aviation careers currently are in highest demand in Alaska today, and which are anticipated to be the most in-demand aviation careers in the future?
- Any other information relevant to CTE program and pathway improvement.

## **How to Participate**

Responses should include the following:

- a) Name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail of designated point of contact;
- b) Responses to each of the two numbered items identified above.

Written responses may be sent by U.S. mail or e-mail to the following address:

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## **Response Deadline**

Please submit responses to this RFI by 16 August 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Alaska Time.

### **Point of Contact**

Questions about this RFI can be directed to Laurel Shoop at laurel.shoop@alaska.gov.

## **Important Notice**

DEED does not intend to award a contract from this RFI, nor will DEED be financially responsible for the preparation, or administrative costs incurred in responses to this RFI. All costs associated with responding will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP, if any is issued. DEED may or may not choose to meet with respondents to get further clarification. **Proprietary information, if any, should be minimized and MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. Information not marked as proprietary may become public.** 

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