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### **Anchorage Events Mark the First Annual Economic Development Week**

May 5, 2016 ANCHORAGE – Communities around the world will be celebrating the first annual Economic Development Week from May 8 – 14. Well-managed economic development programs create wealth through investment and reinvestment in the community. By diversifying and strengthening Alaska's economy and enhancing the business climate, Alaska's future can be sustainable and resilient.

In Anchorage, a number of events are scheduled for Economic Development Week:

- **[Anchorage Chamber of Commerce "Make it Monday" Forum](#)**  
*Diversifying Our Economy*  
Hosted by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce  
Commissioner Chris Hladick, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Director Britteny Cioni-Haywood, Division of Economic Development  
Monday, May 9 from 12 noon – 1 p.m.  
Location: Dena'ina Center  
Fees: \$35
- **[International Economic Development Council \(IEDC\) Training](#)**  
*Managing Economic Development Organizations*  
Hosted by the University of Alaska Anchorage Business Innovation Zone  
Jeffrey A. Finkel, IEDC President  
Dr. David R. Kolsow, Certified Economic Developer and Team Kolsow President  
Wednesday, May 11 – Thursday, May 12 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Location: UAA Gorsuch Commons  
Fee: \$729
- **[Economic Development Week Proclamation and Press Event](#)**  
Hosted by the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation  
Wednesday, May 11 from 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Captain Cook Hotel Ballroom  
Fee: Free
- **[World Trade Center "Meet and Brief" Luncheon](#)**  
*Economic Development and Foreign Investment in Alaska*  
Development Manager Ethan Tyler, Division of Economic Development  
Wednesday, May 11 from 12 noon – 1 p.m.  
Location: 1815 Bragaw Street, Suite 102  
Fee: \$30

- **Alaska Regional Development Organizations Annual Meeting**

Hosted by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Friday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Atwood Conference Center, Room 106

Fee: Free

Additionally, Governor Walker proclaimed May 2016 as “[Buy Alaska Month](#)” and urges all individuals, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to purchase Alaskan goods and services whenever possible and economical to support our economy.

Housed within Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, the Division of Economic Development supports the growth and diversification of Alaska’s economy through business assistance, financing and promotion. The Division of Economic Development works closely with the private sector and other state agencies. For additional information about the division, visit [commerce.alaska.gov/web/DED](http://commerce.alaska.gov/web/DED). For more information about the department and its other agencies, please visit [commerce.alaska.gov](http://commerce.alaska.gov).

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