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### **Alaska Regional Development Organization Recognition**

The Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) is pleased to announce that the Yukon-Kuskokwim Economic Development Council (YKEDC) has fulfilled the requirements to be designated Alaska's newest Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR). YKEDC is the state's eleventh ARDOR and is supported by the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), which provides social and cultural services to 56 communities in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region. "The ARDOR designation is especially helpful for this region of Alaska," said AVCP president Myron Naneng Sr. "YKEDC will connect economic development and support services to this region and will be of great assistance in growing our community's economic base."

The ARDOR program is in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, and continues to promote the development and implementation of regional development strategies by local organizations intimately familiar with the communities they serve. The State of Alaska provides ARDORs with baseline funding support which is leveraged against additional private and public funding sources. The ARDOR partnerships are concrete examples of local communities leveraging state funds to create and drive economic development. For additional information on the ARDOR program, visit <http://commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/ded/DEV/ARDORs.aspx>.

The mission of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development is to promote a healthy economy, strong communities, and protect consumers in Alaska. The Division of Economic Development supports the growth and diversification of Alaska's economy through business assistance, financing, promotion, and public policy. For additional information about DCCED divisions and corporate agencies, please visit [www.commerce.alaska.gov](http://www.commerce.alaska.gov).

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