

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-03
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
Alaska LNG Project Gasline Workforce Plan

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is a private industry-driven public organization that includes representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB shall act as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state human resource programs involving employment training, career and technical education and workforce development;

WHEREAS, the vision of the AWIB is to “build connections that put Alaskans into good jobs” and recognizes the value and need for Alaska’s students to be ready to enter the workforce after completing postsecondary education and training; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska LNG Project represents the nation’s largest energy project and one of its largest construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the project’s construction and operations represents an opportunity to not only employ thousands of Alaskans in direct and indirect jobs across the state, but as an impetus for Alaskans to attain job skills and training that will serve them for this project and for the rest of their careers; and

WHEREAS, available data indicates that the Alaska LNG Project’s labor needs will surpass the current supply of skilled Alaskan workers meaning the state needs to plan for training a resident workforce to meet project demand; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska LNG Project Gasline Workforce Plan identifies key themes and action steps to meet the goal of training and educating an Alaskan workforce with the skills necessary to build and operate the project; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska LNG Project Gasline Workforce Plan will be implemented by a leadership team led by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development that will include the University of Alaska, the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, the Department of Education and Early Development, and the AWIB, and that will draw from the expertise of industry, organized labor, educators, and trainers; and

WHEREAS, the plan’s call for quality education and training resources including registered apprenticeship, expanding the career and technical education system, increasing the number of postsecondary graduates in key occupations, and additional opportunities for high school students to transition to postsecondary education and training aligns with AWIB efforts to ensure that Alaskans are trained and ready for jobs that pay well and are in demand; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board supports and endorses the Alaska LNG Project Gasline Workforce Plan including a job training program developed by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to meet the employment needs of this project that will maximize Alaska hire and a Project Labor Agreement that will allow for timely completion of the project. The AWIB further supports the efforts of the project’s workforce leadership team to implement the strategies and actions steps called for in the plan.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed and convened this 11th day of May, 2018 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 11th day of May, 2018



Larry Bell, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board