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AVTEC Earns Occupational Education Reaccreditation

JUNEAU, Alaska—AVTEC-Alaska's Institute of Technology has earned a five-year reaccreditation by the Council on Occupational Education. AVTEC has been accredited by the national agency since 1997.

"Accreditation means our AVTEC programs are among the best in the country," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "AVTEC is a critical component of our statewide career and technical education system, which helps Alaskans build a future."

The reaccreditation is the culmination of almost a year of work and visits between the COE and AVTEC. A five-member COE accreditation team, comprised of career and technical education administrators, visited Seward in September to evaluate the institute. During the three-day visit, they evaluated all aspects of AVTEC's administration, operation and training programs' curriculum and delivery against nine standards.

Accreditation establishes standards, accountability, credibility, up-to-date practices and a high level of professionalism. It assures students that the institution and staff are qualified to teach and that the participants will attain a certain level of proficiency through a quality education. Until the next site visit, COE reviews each institution's status annually through annual reports.

COE is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as an authority on the quality of education offered by non-degree-granting and applied associate degree-granting postsecondary occupational education institutions.

AVTEC offers 16 long-term training programs ranging from six weeks to 11 months and roughly 60 short-term training programs that take from a week to six weeks to complete. AVTEC's main campus is in Seward. Classes for the school's Allied Health program are held in Anchorage. Remote-site and distance-delivery classes in nearly all AVTEC's training programs are available statewide.

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