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## **AVTEC Receives \$5 Million Donation from Superior Energy Services**

SEWARD, Alaska— Students training at AVTEC – Alaska's Institute of Technology – will soon benefit from new simulators and equipment donated by Superior Energy Services, Inc. The donated equipment and software, valued at more than \$5 million, will upgrade AVTEC's Alaska Maritime Training Center.

"This generous donation comes at a critical time when state dollars for workforce training are dwindling," said AVTEC Director Ben Eveland. "On behalf of the students and staff at AVTEC, we are so grateful to Superior Energy Services for donating these valuable training resources."

The donated simulators will be incorporated into AVTEC's maritime program, upgrading and extending the life of the existing maritime simulator. In addition to the maritime, crane, and remote operations vehicle simulators, the company is also donating computers, LED displays, HVAC units, and office equipment to the school. These additional donated items will be used throughout the AVTEC campus in Seward and will allow the school to upgrade or replace aging equipment.

"Superior Energy Services is making a huge investment in Alaska's future by donating \$5 million of equipment to AVTEC," said Labor Commissioner Heidi Drygas. "Alaska's workforce will benefit from this generosity, and Alaska's budget will benefit from the money saved."

For more information about the Alaska Maritime Training Center or any of AVTEC's career training programs, please visit www.avtec.edu.

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