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Council on Occupational Education Reaffirms AVTEC's Accreditation

SEWARD, Alaska—The Council on Occupational Education (COE), a national agency for accrediting career and technical education, recently reaffirmed AVTEC's accreditation for another six years. The mission for the COE is "assuring quality and integrity in career and technical education." Representatives of the COE conducted an on-site evaluation to ensure AVTEC has maintained quality programs and continues to meet standards and conditions for accreditation.

"This reaffirmation of accreditation shows that AVTEC continues to be an outstanding choice for career and technical education in Alaska," said Labor Commissioner Heidi Drygas.

The COE team found no fault on all 10 standards of evaluation and gave AVTEC an accommodation on its programs. The standards evaluated included analysis of each program as well as facilities and infrastructure. Unlike many accredited agencies, AVTEC continues annual reports to demonstrate well above the minimum required job placement statistics for each program.

"We offer outstanding opportunities for Alaskans seeking technical education and training," said AVTEC Director Ben Eveland. "We are pleased but not surprised to have performed well in this recent evaluation. This is a top-notch school with excellent programs that prepare Alaskans for exciting careers."

For more information on the training programs offered at AVTEC, please visit www.avtec.edu.