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World Trade Center Alaska and the Anchorage School District Renew Partnership to Benefit Students

World Trade Center Alaska (WTCAK) and the Anchorage School District (ASD) have renewed a school business partnership that will assist high school students enrolled in the district to gain a better understanding of Alaska's role in the international economy.

Through the School Business Partnership Program, the Trade Center will host students at a number of events each year, including the Center's annual statewide economic forecast luncheon as well as major international-focused conferences and seminars conducted by the Center. Additionally, the Center will offer mentorship opportunities to students through the District's Gifted Mentorship Program.

"We are very pleased to work with the Anchorage School District and offer opportunities for high school students to become familiar with Alaska's international trade economy," said Greg Wolf, executive director of World Trade Center Alaska. "These are tomorrow's leaders and we hope that some of them will be involved with Alaska's major export industries once they enter the workforce."

"This partnership with World Trade Center Alaska is wonderful example of how a business can directly participate in work force development. Mentoring students expands the employability skills and knowledge base. Offering students opportunities to network in the community opens many doors for them. We encourage businesses of all sizes, large and small, profit and non-profit, as well as government agencies to get involved" said Tam Agosti-Gisler, executive director of Anchorage School Business Partnerships.

About World Trade Center Alaska: Founded in 1987, World Trade Center Alaska is a private, non-profit corporation whose mission is to assist Alaskans to successfully compete for trade and investment in the global market place. The group is a member of the global network of nearly 300 trade centers located in 78 countries.

About Anchorage School Business Partnerships: In its 18th year as a program of both the ASD and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, there are over 450+ partnerships at all levels and in most schools.