



**26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Rural Small Business Conference**

*"Strategies for a Difficult Economy"*

**Sheraton Anchorage Hotel  
February 14, 15, & 16, 2017**

# TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2017

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	<u>Registration</u>
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<u>Introduction Marketplace Vendors / <b>Rural Alaska Marketplace</b></u>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<u>Lunch On Your Own / Marketplace Open</u> <u>50% Discount Coupon for Hotel Restaurant (Lunch Buffet Only)</u>
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	<u>Invocation &amp; Opening Remarks</u> Invocation: Wally Gust; <b>Welcome: Lee Stephan, Eklutna Tribal Chief; Alaska Lt. Governor Byron Mallott; Roseann Demmert</b> , Chair Alaska Village Initiatives; Charles Parker, President/CEO, Alaska Village Initiatives; George Quinto, VP of Operations, Alaska Village Initiatives; Diamond and Platinum Sponsors; Congressional Delegation: Senator Lisa Murkowski & DVD; <b>Deborah Vo, Alaska Native and Rural Affairs Specialist</b> ; Mike Fleagle, Deputy Chief of Staff; <b>Congressman Don Young; Chad Padgett</b>
1:45 PM – 3:15 PM	<u><b>General Gathering I – Alaska’s Economic Future</b></u> Alaska Energy Authority - Devany Ak Pacific University RuralCAP – Gary Ferguson
3:15 PM – 5:00 PM	<u><b>Workshop Gathering I</b></u>
Room 305	<u>Rural Community Partnerships: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Challenges</u> Tutan Recovery Services
Room 303	<u>Federal Income Tax Planning &amp; Compliance in Alaska</u> State of Alaska – David Rohlfing, ABDC Attorney
Room 308	<u>Innovate Alaska</u> APU –Ky Holand
Yukon Room	<u>Managing Credit for Business Success</u> Wells Fargo - Andrew Foust, Tim Redder, Nili Sundown, Gavin Graham, Nicolle Welch
Kuskokwim West	<u>Making the Move: Cash Registers to Point of Sale</u> Pacific Alaska Wholesale – Eric Sablan; Skurla – Thomas Greenman
Kuskokwim East	<u>Alaska Tribal Conservation Alliance – Angela Peter</u> USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Kristine Tapio-Harper Tyonek Tribal Conservation District - Christy Cincotta

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2017

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<u>Breakfast and Opening Remarks</u>
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<u><a href="#">Rural Alaska Marketplace</a></u>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<u><a href="#">Workshop Gathering II</a></u>
Room 305	<u>Workforce Development with homeless, Offenders and Vets</u> Alaska WorkSource
Room 303	<u>Improving Customer Service and Corporate Processes</u> Anthony Caole, President/CEO, Anika Evans, Three Star Enterprises, LLC
Room 308	<u>Bookkeeping Basics for the Small Business</u> APU - Beverly Holmes
Yukon Room	<u>Airsa –</u>
Kuskokwim West	<u></u>
Kuskokwim East	<u>Cut Heating and Electrical Costs by 50% with Yanmar</u> Yak-Tat Kwaan – Matt McDaniel
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<u>Lunch on Your Own / Marketplace Open</u> <a href="#">50% Discount Coupon for Hotel Restaurant (Lunch Buffet Only)</a>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<u><a href="#">Rural Alaska Marketplace</a></u>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<u><a href="#">General Gathering II –</a></u> International Agriculture Council – Ross and Zach; Natural Resources Conservation Service – Kristi Harper; Tyonek Tribal Conservation District – Christy Cincotta US Fish & Wildlife – Crystal Leonetti
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<u><a href="#">Workshop Gathering III</a></u>
Room 305	<u>Federal Government Contracting 101</u> US Small Business Administration – Marian Taylor
Room 303	<u>Traditional Solutions to Modern Problems in Community Fire Protection</u> Office of Rural Fire Protection - Steve Schreck
Room 308	<u>How to Evaluate a Project: Go or No Go</u> APU – Carol Howarth
Yukon Room	<u>Creating a Powerful Investment Strategy</u> Wells Fargo - JoEllen Weatherholt, Cassie Kosinski, Kaulen Pevan, Nili Sundown
Kuskokwim West	<u></u>
Kuskokwim East	<u>Rural Store Operations</u> JB Gottstein - Mark Wakefield, Neil Lamothe, Bill Miller, Casey De La Cruz

# THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2017

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

**General Gathering III –**

Benteh Capital – Theo Garcia; BIA – Jennifer Cesar; HUD – Carla; USDA - Jessie

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

**Rural Alaska Marketplace**

11:15 AM – 1:00 PM

Closing Luncheon

Guest Speaker –



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