

**Alaska State Chamber of Commerce  
2008 Priority**

**Strategic Economic Development Plan for Alaska**

The State Chamber urges the State to develop a strategic economic development plan for Alaska. The Plan will focus resources on deliberate and effective programs and projects that promote resource development, a healthy statewide business climate and create a national and global competitive advantage for Alaska. The Strategic Economic Development Plan will provide the strategic framework for Alaska's business and elected leaders, to work together, to build a stronger, more competitive state economy. The Plan should encompass four strategic components:

- Fiscal Predictability and Stability
- Workforce Development
  - Identify deficits in essential services
  - Education for those skills and recruitment
- Foundation for Economic Success – leadership ensuring policies and investments in transportation, energy, communications, and other infrastructure that supports economic development.
- Open for Business – make it easier, less expensive and more streamlined to operate a business in Alaska.