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Message from the CEO: Alaska’s Economic Future Hangs on a Fiscal Cliff
By Rachael Petro

The 27th Alaska Legislative Session and a special session concluded without offering any real hope for securing Alaska’s economic future. That’s right, the Legislature gaveled out without changing Alaska’s competitiveness in the global oil and gas market. The government has deposited cash into savings and produced another record capital budget. Why worry? Why worry? I’d like to explain.

In a May 4 press release Sen. Bill Wielechowski touts record revenues from oil tax revenue under “Alaska’s Clear and Equitable Share” (ACES) which has allowed record State capital budgets since 2007. Additionally, the Senate credits the capital budget with the creation of 10,209 private sector jobs.

Before delving into the matter of whether or not State government spend-

Business Week is taking place on the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus July 14-21, 2012. To learn more about this great program for high school aged kids, see page 6.

Message From The Chairman: Session Over, the Alaska Chamber Mission continues
By Renee Schofield

Here it comes! Summer is headed our way, finally. I am sure most of us are ready for the gifts of summer and the heat that comes with it. Summer also brings lots of topics for this report.

First, another legislative session has come to an end. The Alaska Chamber and its members have worked hard to express our priorities to the body. The top three being:
1. Reform Oil Tax Policy to Encourage New Production
2. Support Litigation Reform Relating to Resource Development In Alaska
3. Reduce the High Cost of Energy

Alaska Chamber members met in Anchorage last October to hear the position proposals and set the priority list. It is an open forum with each member allowed one vote. These three items came to the surface as being the most needed by our membership. With a flourish of adjournments and finger pointing, none of the priorities met with resolution.

Soon the Alaska Chamber will work with other organization leaders to establish grades for the Alaska Business Report Card for members of the 27th Alaska Legislature based off their performance this past legislative session.

It will be interesting to see what reactions and harsh remarks are bandied about, as a result. The Alaska Business Report Card will be out this fall, this report card is certain to be reviewed and as a business owner, you should be asking your legislator the hard questions of why.

You need solid answers for your expectations. It’s hard to grow small business without those answers. The Alaska Business Report Card will be out in a few weeks. Watch for it!!

Summer also brings the Alaska Chamber Outreach Trip. This year we are heading to beautiful Kodiak! So much has been packed into that trip, which happens July 10 and 11.

Registration is limited, due to space constraints, so don’t put this one off. Getting to rural communities to support small business owners is important to me. I am a small business owner and understand how the cost of travel can be prohibitive in networking.

Even with technology, it is so valuable to be “in the room” with your colleagues to brainstorm the future. You can visit the Alaska Chamber web site for information on registering, getting there and the agenda our time there. Let’s get to Kodiak!

Summer also means BUSINESS WEEK! For our future leaders, business camp can be one of the most inspiring events of the summer. Business Week will be at the University of Fairbanks, the week of July 14. Space is limited to 100 kids, aged high school sophomore (incoming) to just graduated seniors.

The attendees will be challenged to run a successful business venture, which is judged at the end of the week. They’ll enjoy campus life at UAF, while learning necessary skills of entrepreneurship. AND earn college credit while having some great fun.

Perhaps your business would like to sponsor a youth from your community to attend? Contact Anne Ringstad, program director at 907-474-5922 or ann.ringstad@gmail.com for more information on how to sponsor travel and/or attendance. The Alaska State Chamber is very proud of this program to inspire new leaders for our future.

Save The Date!
Plan To Attend!

Rural Outreach Trip
Kodiak, Alaska
July 10-11, 2012

Alaska Business Week
University of Alaska Fairbanks
July 14-21, 2012

Annual Conference and Policy Forum
Egan Center - Anchorage, Alaska
October 1-4, 2012

Mark your calendars and check our website for details in the coming months, www.alaskachamber.com.
ing is responsible for creating private sector jobs — let’s get something straight. Generally speaking the Alaska Chamber absolutely supports state capital projects that facilitate resource and economic development. To be sure, many projects within this year’s capital budget provide much needed infrastructure maintenance as well as new infrastructure. The Alaska Chamber also supports fiscal responsibility.

We are gravely concerned about the ability of the State of Alaska to continue to grow programs, services and capital budgets at a time when the amount of oil flowing through the pipeline continues to decline. While infrastructure is critical to economic development in Alaska, doubling State spending in ten years without increasing Alaska’s competitive edge in the industry which funds the growing budget presents an ugly picture: Alaska’s future depending on a fiscal cliff.

Back to the issue of whether or not government spending creates private sector jobs. Sen. Wielchowski clearly believes State spending drives private sector jobs growth. In his May 3 release he states that, “...a staggering number of private industry jobs for Alaskans,” have been created “with our expanded oil tax revenue.” In the context he urges Alaskans to weigh the pros and cons of reducing taxes on the oil industry claiming that reforming oil taxes and making Alaska oil industry competitive would “rob the State of the funds needed to build roads and schools and grow Alaska’s economy.”

This is why I worry. The Senator, and like-minded colleagues, have it exactly backwards. He and like-minded fellow policy makers are robbing Alaska’s economic future by failing to think beyond the next budget or election cycle. Alaska’s oil and gas resources are worth absolutely nothing on the ground.

Those resources are likely to be worth less than $120 per barrel in the future, robbing Alaskans of the opportunity of preserving the return on their oil. It takes tremendous capital to locate and extract those resources. Instead of the government consuming wealth, Alaskans should be focused on keeping capital in the market where the private sector can create wealth.

Missed from Sen. Wielchowski’s press release is the reality of basic math. Assuming a continued average annual 6 percent growth in production due to increased opportunities in the state budget, Alaska will need an oil price of $142 per barrel to balance its budget.

The claim that the State’s capital budget since the passage of ACES is responsible for an average of addition of 18,209 private sector jobs simply defy the reality of Alaska’s imperative economic cliff. Still, the question remains — is government spending responsible for job growth? A look at who funds the capital budget quickly answers that question. Taxpayers fund it. In Alaska that means the oil industry funds the capital budget and any job growth associated with it. The real question. Alaskans and business owners should ask is whether or the private sector or the government is more efficient at creating wealth. Again, easy answer: the government does not create wealth, it only consumes it.

Sen. Wielchowski is absolutely correct when he states that Alaskans and businesses throughout Alaska will benefit from this year’s capital budget since those dollars reach every corner of the state. It is in this context he urges Alaskans to weigh the pros and cons of reducing taxes on the oil industry claiming that reforming oil taxes and making Alaska oil industry competitive would “rob the State of the funds needed to build roads and schools and grow Alaska’s economy.”

Be worried yet?

So, if you’re not willing to gamble on $142 oil, then there are several options:
1. reduce spending;
2. increase private sector investment;
3. reduce spending and increase production.

Alaskans’ appetite for reduced spending is limited, and increasing oil production throughput will take time and increased private sector investment. Reversing Alaska’s economic future requires Alaskans, and especially our policymakers, commit to making Alaska’s oil and gas market competitive and to fiscal restraint.

Instead of talking about oil tax reform in terms of “giving away” money (back to the private sector), Alaskans need to be discussing it in the context of an investment in securing Alaska’s economic future. If Alaska can be competitive in the oil and gas market at $120 per barrel, there will be ample funds for necessary infrastructure as well as job growth.

Are you worried about Alaska’s future? Well, now that election season is upon us it presents an excellent opportunity to have a conversation about Alaska’s economic future. In a few weeks, the Alaska Business Report Card group will issue grades for all policy makers. Engage with your legislators and candidates and ask them how they plan to improve Alaska’s business climate and secure Alaska’s future.

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That’s a Wrap 27th Alaska Legislature Sine Die

By Rachael Petro

Early Monday April 16, the Alaska Legislature adjourned the 27th Legislative Session of the State of Alaska. The State’s Chamber’s top priorities of oil tax reform, litigation reform as it relates to natural resources and the high cost of energy were all discussed by the Legislature this year, but were unfortunately not resolved.

During the 27th Alaska Legislative Session the Alaska Chamber tracked almost 90 pieces of legislation. Of the bills tracked, the Alaska Chamber supported 36 pro-business bills and opposed 9 anti-business bills. In total, roughly 30 percent of the bills we supported passed, improving Alaska’s business climate. It is important to note that while the Chamber did support a large number of anti-business bills, these were not completely duplicative in nature, some were even “companion bills” (same bills in both legislative bodies).

With only 30 percent of our positions and priorities advancing it is important to stay focused on why they were not advanced or our lack of effort? Lack of communication to elected officials?

The Alaska Chamber and its members were very active during this legislative cycle - with every event selling out, including a sold out Legislation Policy Forum, two record-number Legislative Fly Ins, and incredible statewide suppo
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port from local chambers on top priorities.
There was lack of effort or communication with legis-
ators about advancing a pro-
Alaska, pro-business agenda. There were just enough elected
officials to stymie these efforts. Watch your inbox for the Alaska Business Report Card results.

The Report Card is a tool to use when evaluating elected offi-
cials stance on important busi-
ess issues.

The excellent news is that 100 percent of the bills the Alaska Chamber opposed failed to pass! These statistics demonstrate the true value of your member-
ship and participation in the Alaska Chamber. Alaska busi-
ness owners working together to improve Alaska’s business cli-
mate is powerful.

Below is an update on the three top priorities Alaska Chamber membership voted on at the annual legislative policy forum last October.

Reform Oil Tax Policy to En-
courage New Oil Production

The issue of oil tax reform once again rightly dominated the session. As Alaska’s eco-

nomic engine, oil production and the revenue it produces are key to Alaska’s future.

The Senate failed to reach agreement on its own oil tax bill even after rejecting outright the bill the House passed last year (HB 110) and working on its own bill throughout this session (SB 192). During the inevitable end games that are played during the final hours of a legislative session, the Senate attempted to wrap a portion of SB 192 into a House bill which enjoyed broad sup-
port in the House.

Ultimately, without having any opportunity to vet that portion of SB 192 the House rejected it.

Gov. Sean Parnell called the Alaska Legislature into a special session, which began April 19 to continue work on reforming oil and gas production taxes in the form of House Bill 3001 and Sen-
te Bill 3001. The House imme-
diately rolled up its sleeves and began hearings on HB 3001. The Senate already divided the issue, held two hearings.

Within those first two hearings it became quickly apparent that the Legislature and some in the Senate particularly were too frag-

dmented on finding a comprehen-
sive solution during the special session. The Governor pulled HB and SB 3001 eight days into the special session.

The Alaska Chamber supports meaningful tax reform, making Alaska highly competitive na-

tionally and globally. Oil tax re-
form should be comprehensive, recognizing rich resource potential in the legacy fields as well as their importance in making new fields economic to produce.

As business owners, Alaska Chamber members know there are no guarantees when it comes to business investments. We know that tax policies do have an effect on business decisions and the oil and gas industry is no different. Business goes where the market is most attractive and where the risk is minimized.

It is critically important that we, as Alaskans, make our market as attractive as possible. We’ll know we’ve done our job correctly if new investment, like what we’re see-
ing in other jurisdictions, begins to happen in Alaska. Oil tax reform should be comprehensive, recog-

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Litigation Reform Relating to Resource Development in Alaska

Litigation reform as it relates to natural resources advanced this year, but slowed down and eventual-

ly died in the Senate. The main vehi-
cle, House Bill (HB) 166, Injunction Security for Industrial Operations advanced to Senate Judiciary, and had a hearing the last week of ses-

sion. This is unfortunate as HB 166 en-

tered strong bipartisan support in the House last year and should have received the same in the Senate.

Alaska is a resource rich state and a sound regulatory, permit-

ting and judicial system are cru-

ial to ensuring Alaska’s business climate welcomes new invest-

ments. The Alaska Chamber will continue to support measures like HB 166 that strengthen Alaska’s business environment.

Reduce the High Cost of Energy

The high cost of energy af-


fects all Alaskans, from the largest businesses to individu-

als. Rural and Interior residents and businesses are feeling it the most this year. There were nu-

merous measures considered during session this year in an attempt to reduce the high cost of energy in Alaska.

The Alaska Chamber encour-
aged the Legislature and the Governor to support initiatives that lower the high cost of energy in Alaska. To alleviate this situ-

ation, the Alaska Chamber gen-

erally supported initiatives that lower energy costs by develop-

ing energy resources. The nature of such initiatives are long term rather than short term which is frustrating to individuals and businesses struggling to pay their energy costs.

The legislature did approve many measures designed to af-


tect the cost of energy in Alaska – some short, medium and long term. Short term assistance available to individuals (not busi-

nesses) includes funding of the Power Cost Equalization Program ($38.2 million); and funding for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at $41 mil-

lion); and funding for home ener-
y rebates ($20 million). Longer term, or longer lasting, assistance includes funding for home weatheriz-

ation ($31.5 million).

Longer term solutions for all energy users included funding for the Renewable Energy Fund ($25.9 million) and expansion of the Alaska Industrial Devel-

opment and Export Authority (AIDEA) to facilitate financing, or to finance energy infrastruc-

ture projects. Additionally, a bill to subsidize construction of above ground LNG storage tanks to assist business to truck cleaner, cheaper fuel to Fair-
banks passed.

When the Governor called the Legislature back into a special ses-

sion he asked them to continue their work on House Bill (HB) 9. Unfor-


unately, the bill was not moving in the Senate and died when the Sen-

ate decided to gavel out.

The Alaska Chamber sup-
ported HB 9, which would have allowed the Alaska Gasline Devel-

copment Corporation (AGDC) advance an in state pipeline to the construction stage. Such a process would have identified opportunities for getting natural gas to Alaskans in a commercial-

ly and economically viable man-

ner. Additionally, should it be an option, HB 9 would have allowed AGDC to participate in a large diameter export gasline project. Clearly, much work remains to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska. Economies of scale will continue to challenge the situation to find real economic lasting solutions.

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This article was originally featured in Resource Development Council’s “Resource Review” in April.

The State of Alaska has charged that the Environmental Protection Agency’s ongoing assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed is unlawful, preemptive, and preemptive.

Alaska Attorney General Michael Geraghty has asked the EPA to cease its work on the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and refrain from exercising its Section 404(c) authority under the Clean Water Act until such time as it has been submitted for a large-scale mining project and other regulatory reviews are conducted.

In a letter to Region 10 Administrator Dennis McLerran, the attorney general raised substantial legal and process concerns the state has with the EPA’s work on the watershed assessment. The EPA initiated the assessment to inform its decision-making on a May 2010 petition it received asking the agency to invoke its Clean Water Act Section 404(c) authority.

The petition asks the EPA to prohibit the disposal of fill into watersheds near Bristol Bay in which large mine development may occur in the future.

EPA’s exercise of its 404(c) authority has the potential to extinguish both the state’s mineral rights under the Statehood Compact and the mineral interests held by lessees and lessors, Geraghty said.

“The State will explore all available legal options in response to an exercise by EPA of its Section 404(c) authority, including remedy from the federal government for breach of the Statehood Act,” he warned.

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Summer Safety Tips

Alaska Chamber Chairman Renee Schofield, owner of TSS, Inc.

• Check your CPR/FA cards. One never knows when an emergency will happen. If it’s been awhile since you had a class, now is the time. CPR has changed and so have some of the First Aid recommendations.
• Check your First Aid kit. You know how it is, you just need a band-aid, so you pull it out of the kit. And so does everyone else. We keep two kits in our office. One to use and one to have for emergencies. If your company has them in vehicles, check them out.
• Know the Poison Control hotline 800-222-1222. Fast, reliable and so valuable. Make sure your babysitter has this number posted while you are away.
• Summer events might find you enjoying an alcoholic beverage. Plan first for your designated driver. Don’t be a statistic and never assume you can do it “just this once”. Lives are forever changed by buzzed drivers every day. Arrive alive.
• Lifejackets. Wear them.
• Alaskans love their beautiful hiking environment. Make sure you and someone else know where you’ll be. Planning always reduces emergencies. Pay attention to heat, surroundings and weather. Things change quickly in the wilderness. Don’t let the beauty become your beast!
Business Week 2012: Get Involved!

By Ann Ringstad

Business Week 2012 is right around the corner and we’re entering our third year of hosting talented high school age kids from all corners of the state. The University of Alaska Fairbanks campus for an intense week of “Business Bootcamp.” I encourage you to join us in developing the next generation of Alaskan entrepreneurs and business owners.

What is the Alaska State Chamber’s Alaska Business Week program?

The Alaska Business Week program is modeled after the very successful and long-running Washington Business Week program, and we work very closely with them to ensure all aspects of the program are covered. We have utilized their curriculum in order to make it applicable to Alaska and Alaskan high school students. It has now been incorporated into a college-level entrepreneurship program at the UAF School of Management as a two-credit elective course. Students must earn these credits by being actively involved from efforts to run a business model, striving to attain new heights in their leadership capabilities. We have also developed a relationship with UAF and the UA Foundation to provide education tax credits for contributions to this program.

Why is this program important?

Alaska businesses will need qualified, educated young Alaskans to assume leadership positions in the future. Alaska high school students will some day become our future leaders. This is one way many students can take an active role in growing future leaders of our state. What better way to address this need than to actively participate in this endeavor?

Alaska Chamber membership participation is especially important because this program gives students a hands-on experience in running a business—something some of them will aspire to do in their long-term careers. What better way to get them started on this track to groom them for future leadership positions—a very wise investment indeed!

We encourage high school students from all over the state to participate—home schooled, private or public schools—they are all encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Four transportation scholarships are available for early registrants. Applications are now being taken on-line at www.uaf.edu/abw.

Over the past two years we have experienced a 55% growth rate in our program, and anticipate over 100 students will participate this summer. Students have come from over 35 Alaskan communities over the past two years. Statistics show a similar academic increase, and a very high percentage of them complete at least one college degree. Although the Alaska Business Week program is still young, we are starting to hear about positive feedback from our graduates that they too are taking their future educational options very seriously. The results of this one-week program are paying off.

Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development Click Bishop met with all the students during the course of the program and asked each of them to describe their aspirations. One student in particular, Tessa Baldwin, stood up and declared she wanted to be the president of her Native Corporation some day! She has gone on to be appointed to the Governor’s Taskforce on Suicide Prevention, and has attained both AFN and national honors in this regard. She was also developing her own non-profit organization for this mission during the course of the Business Week program last summer.

As Tessa has demonstrated so clearly, these students are the leaders of tomorrow. Anyone who participates in the Alaska Business Week program can take pride in what transpires during this short period in the summer. It’s truly remarkable.

How can I get actively involved in this worthwhile program?

Many businesses and individuals have contributed to this program in the past two years. To date, we have raised over $330,000 in cash and in-kind contributions to this programwork, and we are diversifying our funding sources as this program gains a reputation for successful results. This is not an inexpensive endeavor and we are currently approximately $1,000 per student to cover expenses, and many students rely on partial or full scholarships in order to be able to participate. Tuition is $450 for the entire week and is in line with other similar summer leadership programs. It includes housing, food, program materials, and all activities and fees.

Many students would not be able to attend this program if it weren’t for the generous sponsorship of many benefactors. Here are some ways you can contribute to this worthwhile program:

• Provide scholarships
• Share your success stories – be a speaker
• Be a company advisor!

Act as a mentor – get a free trip on July 14 and/or July 21 on the Alaska Railroad.

• Consider what your company can provide. You could even provide childcare.

• Program sponsorship

Whether you contribute $1,000 or $50,000, your contributions benefit the students. Your active participation provides our future leaders with a head start in developing their talents and dreams. And they receive college credits—successfully completing the program—an inspiration to keep going!

Your contribution may be eligible for the education tax credit. Funds are held by the UA Foundation for use by the Alaska Business Week program for educational purposes. Please see: www.alaska.edu/uafoundation for more information.

We are fortunate to have many generous benefactors to keep this program running, and encourage Alaska Chamber members to join this effort.

We encourage direct participation in the way of monetary contributions as well as identifying students, company advisors, speakers, and in-kind support.

Thank you for your consideration. We wish you and your organizations the best of luck!”

Don’t Delay – Apply Today! www.uaf.edu/abw
You’re Invited! Outreach Trip To Kodiak Island
July 10-12, 2012

This year, the Events Committee has chosen Kodiak, Alaska’s ‘Emerald Isle’, for the outreach trip location. Located on the Aleutian Chain, Kodiak Island is the largest in the state and second largest in the country. Kodiak’s role as a center for transportation, governmental offices, timber, and tourism complements its role as one of the nation’s largest producers of seafood. The City of Kodiak has the largest and most diversified fishing port in Alaska and is consistently ranked in the top three largest fishing ports in the U.S. in terms of value landed.

The Events Committee has been hard at work crafting an agenda that will be engaging, educational and last but certainly not least — fun! The two-day outreach trip is slated to include tours of the state of the art missile launch complex, Coast Guard base, Kodiak Fisheries Research Center and fish processing plant. Additionally, members will have the opportunity to meet and hear from business leaders in the community and the second Board Meeting of the year will take place. Of course, the community of Kodiak and Kodiak Chamber of Commerce are excited to host our group and are working with local companies to secure some great deals on tourist activities.

All Alaska Chamber members are invited and encouraged to participate in our outreach trips. Registration and additional information including the most up to date agenda and sponsorship opportunities can be found online at www.AlaskaChamber.com.

We look forward to seeing you in Kodiak!
Welcome New Members

We’d like to thank the following members on all services and repair covering both parts and labor. We offer a 24 month/24,000 mile warranty services such as the 15K, 30K, 45K, 60K, 75K, and 90K services. We offer vehicle delivery, pick up your pizzas or eat in at one of our convenient locations. We also offer catering for special occasions.

Renewing Members

Our motto says it all, “Service is our aim, Availability is our game.”

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A & A, The Shop is Alaska’s Premier Independent Subaru Service & Repair Facility. We do Subaru factory maintenance warranty services such as the 15K, 30K, 45K, 60K, 75K, and 90K services. We offer a 24 month/24,000 mile warranty on all services and repair covering both parts and labor.

We offer free roadside assistance after service good for one year which covers towing (up to $75), jump start, lock out service, flat tire changing assistance, and fuel, oil, fluid and water delivery service. We have ASE certified technicians with more than 100 years of combined mechanical experience. We also offer a shuttle service and competitive pricing.

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