



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Maritime
Administration**

Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

February 16, 2024

Catherine Muñoz
Commissioner Designee, State of Alaska
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Maritime Education Consortium
PO Box 111149
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Commissioner Muñoz,

I write with a great deal of pride to confirm the designation of the Alaska Maritime Education Consortium (AMEC) as a 2024 Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE). The CoE program was established by Congress under Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and I am honored to designate your consortium of esteemed institutions for this important recognition on behalf of Secretary Buttigieg.

The CoE designation recognizes the tremendous value that each of AMEC's member institutions provide to our nation by developing and preparing students for demanding careers in our vitally important maritime industry. Your graduates have made outstanding contributions to the industry over the years which is an excellent testimonial to the superior academic and professional education and training they received while attending one of AMEC's member institutions.

I look forward to the Alaska Maritime Education Consortium's continued excellence in the field of maritime education and training. Well done!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann C. Phillips', written over the typed name and title.

Ann C. Phillips
Maritime Administrator



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION**

The Maritime Administrator hereby designates

Alaska Maritime Education Consortium

as a

Center of Excellence

for

Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE)

Having successfully met the eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and qualitative attributes consistent with the authorizing language of the Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education program established under 46 U.S.C. § 51706, *Alaska Maritime Education Consortium* has demonstrated its excellence in assisting the maritime industry with obtaining and maintaining the highest quality workforce.

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Valid for 5 years

Ann C. Phillips
Maritime Administrator