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To: UA Systemwide Academic Council

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Provost

Subject: Undergraduate Certificates in Technology Specialty Areas
Offered at Kodiak College

Kodiak College of the University of Alaska Anchorage is proposing to offer three certificates in applied technology career specialties of:

- Construction Management
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Welding

These certificate programs were designed to meet the needs of three very active and growing sectors of the workforce in Alaska and the nation. Their creation was supported and informed by the community advisory council of Kodiak College and by faculty within UAA who have content expertise in each area. They supplement and provide a stepping stone toward the Associate of Applied Science degree in Technology offered at Kodiak, where the technical emphasis areas mirror these certificates. Their content is a robust combination of core and specialty courses that clearly recognize the value of related instruction in the areas of communication, computation and human relations.

Kodiak College has planned carefully and formed significant partnerships to guarantee the timely delivery and the quality of the required courses. They have agreements in place with their community, with the local school district, and with administrators and faculty of the Anchorage campus and other UAA community campuses. Their planned rotation of the certificate offerings reflects the realities of the population and workforce situation on Kodiak Island and their own resources. The program coordinator is already raising local interest in these programs as they relate to the AAS in Technology and the occupations that they share.

This degree program has been approved through the UAA governance process with strong endorsements from the Kodiak College Instructional Council. The proposal was approved by the university wide Undergraduate Academic Board on April 21, 2006 and by the UAA Faculty Senate on May 5, 2006. We ask that you add your endorsement to this proposal and to the opportunities it will open for Alaskan students.