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Tom Myers promoted to become Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. Deputy Director; gains Kauffman Foundation certification

Missouri based Kauffman Foundation is the US' largest foundation devoted to entrepreneurship and helping individuals attain economic independence.

(Anchorage, AK) -- Thomas Myers was promoted to become the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. (AMEP) new deputy director; becomes a certified Kauffman Foundation marketing administrator.

"Tom has been instrumental in the growth of the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership over the last three years," says Chris Buchholdt, the AMEP Executive Director. "This is our fifth year of operations, we are moving beyond the start-up phase of development and AMEP continues to grow and mature."

Buchholdt explained that Myers' promotion is the result of his hard work and dedication in growing the company beyond the critical start-up phase of development. Myers' extensive manufacturing experience, education and business leadership background help the AMEP senior management's implementation of economic development vision across Alaska. Continual improvement for client services is shown by his willingness to become certified by the Kauffman Foundation in entrepreneurship training. The training provides tools for use in developing the growth of AMEP and our clients' companies.

As deputy director, Myers is responsible for business, manufacturing and workforce development and service delivery. In addition he is responsible for innovative technology enterprise advancement; and web-based curriculum development and implementation. The Kauffman Foundation designation provided hands-on business development skills training to help grow business.

Myers holds a master of science degree in administration from Central Michigan University, a bachelor of science in occupational education from Wayland Baptist University; is a certified master black belt in Six Sigma, a certified project manager professional, and is an Edgerton Award Auditor.

A private 501(c) 3, The Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. is committed to developing the state's economy through the provision of technical, business and economic training and assistance to Alaska's small manufacturers and to rural Alaskans producing, marketing, and distributing Native art and other home-based manufactured products.

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