

BIOGRAPHY

Derick O. Temiz **Operations Coordinator**

Derick Temiz is the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. (AMEP) Operations Coordinator. AMEP is one of 59 centers created by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Manufacturing Extension Partnership helps to increase the competitiveness of manufacturers by bridging the productivity gap, identifying opportunities for growth, and encouraging technology deployment.

As operations coordinator, Temiz administers the company's information technology infrastructure, technical support and assets; he assists with marketing efforts including: presentations, workshops, proofreading, writing, videography and photography; helps organize program procedure and policy implementation; gathers information for the AMEP energy program and ensures the facility is well maintained.

Temiz has more than 11 years experience in nonprofit administration, three of which have been at the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership. He has worked at Williams Sonoma corporate in San Francisco, Pfizer in New York City, the New York City Department of Education and has served as a board member of the New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc. His background provides him with an array of experiences that form the basis of his technical knowledge, training and client support abilities.

A Turkish American born and raised in New York City, Temiz is a new father. He moved to Anchorage with his wife Alison in 2005, in pursuit of adventure and education.

A private 501(c)3 corporation created in 2004, AMEP 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. AMEP receives federal and state funding.