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Thomas A. Myers Deputy Director

Thomas A. Myers is the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc. (AMEP) Deputy Director. 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.

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.

Myers is responsible for business, manufacturing and workforce development service delivery. In addition he is responsible for innovative technology enterprise advancement; and web-based curriculum development and implementation. Myers began his career with AMEP in 2006. Since then, he has held a variety of senior-level positions. He was most recently the chief learning officer and senior business consultant.

Myers extensive manufacturing experience, education and business leadership background serve as the central core of the AMEP senior management team's implementation of economic development vision across Alaska.

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 management professional and is an Edgerton Award Auditor. He has built and taught courses in Six Sigma, DFSS, RFID, Lean Manufacturing & Servicing and Project Management.

Myers' past positions include serving as the University of Alaska's Business Enterprise Institute Executive Director; Bellevue University Director of Corporate Assessment, Project Management Institute's Heartland Chapter Vice President of Communications & Publicity, and the American Society for Quality Section 1302 Chair. In add, he was a lead examiner in Baldrige criteria for the State of Nebraska's Edgerton Award; is currently ISO9000 Lead Auditor certified; and a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner.

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Prior to moving into academics, Myers was the Internal Quality Consultant and Senior Project Manager for the US Air Force Weather Agency with opportunities to implement successful projects around the world. His responsibilities centered on taking the lead role in management and development of metrics for large computer software projects and redesigning budgetary systems resulting in significant efficiencies and cost savings.