



Southwest Alaska Vocational & Education Center
Training Alaskans to fill Alaskan Jobs

Vocational Training and Education for the Future of Southwest Alaska



The Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (SAVEC) is developing an exciting new facility concept to bring world class education and vocational training to residents of Southwest Alaska

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Background

The Bristol Bay region, renowned for its cultural and natural wealth, is nonetheless grappling with pronounced economic and educational challenges. A significant barrier to economic development is the necessity for residents to travel outside the region, and often out of the State, to access important, high quality vocational education and training. This not only imposes a financial burden on individuals seeking to advance their skills but also results in a drain of resources and capital from our community. SAVEC met these needs in the past but the old facility on King Salmon Air Force Base was scheduled for demolition leaving the region without a vocational training facility. The establishment of the new SAVEC training facility presents a solution to these challenges. By offering comprehensive vocational training locally, we can retain talent and financial resources within the region, fostering economic resilience and growth. The new SAVEC facility will serve as a beacon of opportunity, enabling residents to pursue their educational goals without the high cost and added strain of out of region travel.

Who We Are

SAVEC was founded in June 2002 as a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to promote, coordinate, and provide high-quality training and education to residents of Southwest Alaska. The organization serves Bristol Bay and rural residents from around the State, providing career and workforce

development training in various fields, including Construction, Fisheries, Maritime, and Support Industries. SAVEC has the flexibility to quickly respond to workforce development needs and is governed by an eight- member board of directors representing regional organizations, Bristol Bay Campus, and local municipal governments.



SAVEC provides world class education and vocational training in Southwest Alaska

The second phase planned consists of the multipurpose shop, metal shop, and classroom space seen to the right of Phases 2 & 3 Conceptual Design drawing (preliminary) below. Phase 2 is 7,841 square feet with an estimated future (four years) cost of \$10,512,585.

The third phase adds an auto shop and a wood shop with additional classroom space to the left of Phase 2 & 3 Conceptual Design drawing (preliminary) below. (The phase joint is approximately the middle of the grey area.) Phase 3 is expected to be 6,423 square feet for a future (eight years) cost of \$10,477,706.



Phases 2 & 3 Conceptual Design drawing with multipurpose shop, metal shop, auto shop, wood shop, and classrooms.

SAVEC Pre-Design Study B.2 Cost Estimates

Cost estimates are derived from SAVEC Pre-Design Study B.2 with three phases. Note that Phases 2 and 3 are estimated future costs.

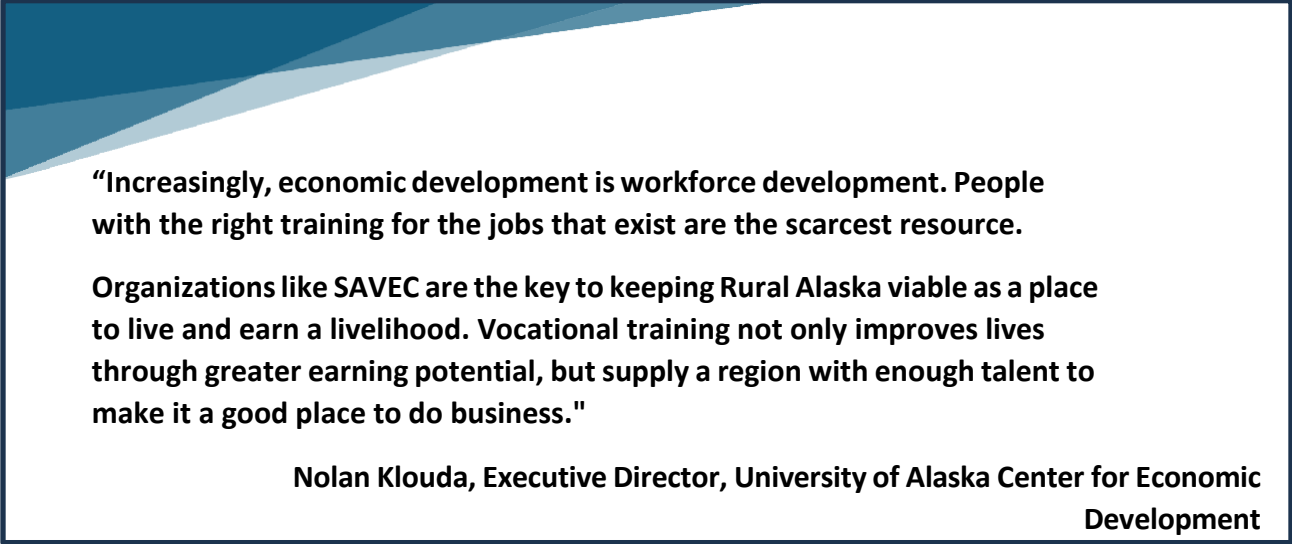
5/29/2024	SAVEC PreDesign - STUDY B.2	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
	Sub Total - Area (SF)	5,331	6,589	5,330 *
	TARE (AS MODELED 5/1/2024)	15.00%	19.00%	20.50% *
	Total - Area (SF)	6,131	7,841	6,423 *
	Interior + Enclosure Cost / SF	\$450	\$550	\$500
HARD COST	Sub Total - Building Cost	\$2,758,793	\$4,312,501	\$3,211,325
	Site Cost	\$1,500,000	\$700,000	\$600,000
	Sub Total - Building & Site Cost	\$4,258,793	\$5,012,501	\$3,811,325
PHASING	Annual Cost Escalation / Year	7%	7%	7%
	Years to Build	0	4	8
	Project Cost w/ Escalation	\$4,258,793	\$6,570,366	\$6,548,566
SOFT COST	10% Design	\$425,879	\$657,037	\$654,857
	13% General Conditions	\$553,643	\$854,148	\$851,314
	20% Contingency	\$851,759	\$1,314,073	\$1,309,713
	12% Contractor's OH&P	\$511,055	\$788,444	\$785,828
	5% Furnishings	\$212,940	\$328,518	\$327,428
	Total Project Cost	\$6,814,068	\$10,512,585	\$10,477,706 -> \$27,804,359
	Cost / SF (w/ escalation)	\$1,111	\$1,341	\$1,631
	Cost / SF (w/out escalation)	\$1,111	\$1,086	\$1,016

Notes:

1. Welding lab equipment cost is not yet included.
2. Site aquisition cost will not be included in this study.
- * 3. Phase 3 B.2 represents latest design and is used here.

Why It's Important

The establishment of the new SAVEC facility will have far-reaching positive effects on the Bristol Bay region. Primarily, it will lead to job creation, both directly through the hiring of instructors and support staff for the facility and indirectly through the increased availability of skilled workers in various industries. This influx of skilled labor will not only benefit local businesses but also attract new enterprises to the area, fostering economic development and diversification.



“Increasingly, economic development is workforce development. People with the right training for the jobs that exist are the scarcest resource.

Organizations like SAVEC are the key to keeping Rural Alaska viable as a place to live and earn a livelihood. Vocational training not only improves lives through greater earning potential, but supply a region with enough talent to make it a good place to do business.”

Nolan Klouda, Executive Director, University of Alaska Center for Economic Development

Moreover, by providing comprehensive vocational education and training opportunities, the new SAVEC facility will empower individuals within the community to pursue fulfilling careers and achieve economic self-sufficiency. This, in turn, will contribute to an improved quality of life for residents as they gain access to better employment prospects and higher earning potential. Additionally, the facility will serve as a catalyst for community engagement and social cohesion, fostering a sense of pride and unity among Bristol Bay residents.

Operational Supporters

To sustain our operations, SAVEC is bolstered by the collective support of our eight-member board, State and Federal grants, and contributions from regional organizations (Bristol Bay Borough, Bristol Bay Native Association, Bristol Bay Housing Authority, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, and Bristol Bay Native Corporation). Notably, the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation’s annual contribution of \$250,000 underscores a mutual dedication to advancing workforce development and stimulating economic growth in the Bristol Bay region. We remain steadfast in our commitment to nurturing enduring partnerships with our regional partners, local businesses, and industry leaders to enhance regional prosperity.

Project Support

The US Department of Commerce, through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) funded a feasibility study, business plan, and conceptual design expected to be completed within a few months. The Bristol Bay Borough has agreed to provide land collocated with the future Borough administrative campus where the new SAVEC facility can be constructed. SAVEC is seeking funding for the first phase

construction. SAVEC is seeking congressional earmarks for phase 1. EDA typically funds the middle phase (phase 2) of construction projects. Other funding will be sought for phase three, including the Denali Commission and USDA RD, and others identified in the coming years.

How You Can Participate

SAVEC is looking for partners to assist in the design and construction of the new training facility. If you or your organization are interested in participating in this exciting project, please call us or email using the contact details below. We believe high quality education and vocational training are the keys to economic development and improved standards of living in Southwest Alaska. We would be honored to have you working with us as we move forward toward making this facility a reality.

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