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Governor Appoints John Pratt as Alaska Workforce Investment Board Executive Director

(Juneau) – Governor Frank H. Murkowski has announced the appointment of John Pratt as Executive Director of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board.

"Building connections that put Alaskans into good jobs is my vision for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board," said Governor Murkowski. "I am confident that John will lead the staff and support the Board in a manner reflective of that vision."

"John understands that jobs are Alaska's future," said Labor Commissioner Greg O'Claray. "His entrepreneurial background coupled with his public service work will help stimulate innovative approaches to workforce development."

Pratt replaces Mona McAleese, who left in November for a position in the Department of Labor & Workforce Development's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. He has served as project coordinator with the AWIB since March 2003 and as McAleese's deputy during her tenure with the board. Pratt is also the Department of Labor's designee to the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Alaska State Community Services Commission.

Pratt's AWIB appointment is effective immediately.