



# 2018-2023 Y-K CEDS

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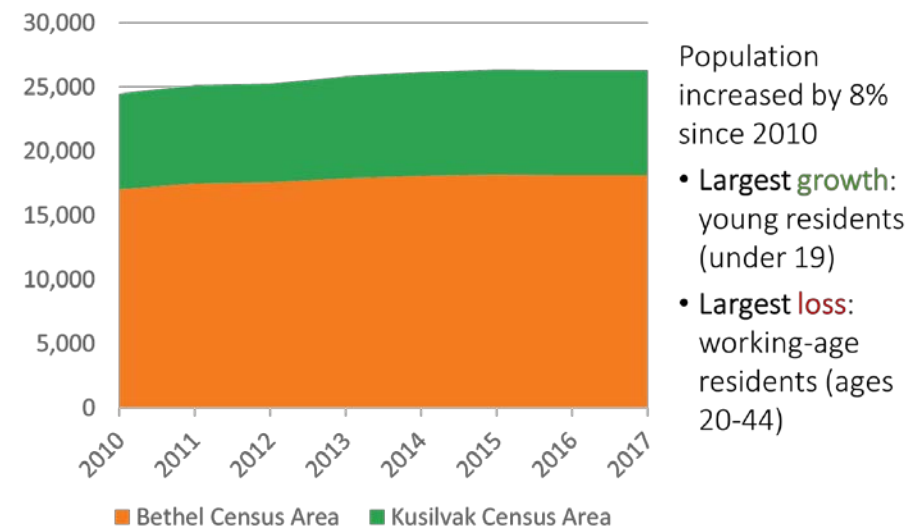
## Background

2016 Annual Convention delegates identify Economic Development as #2 Priority for the region

September of 2017, awarded by the Economic Development Administration for the development of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

2017 Annual Convention: Presentation to the delegation on the "space" we are creating to define economic development and identify goals for our region through the 2018-2023 Yukon-Kuskokwim Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (Y-K CEDS)

	Bethel CA	Kusilvak CA	Alaska	US
2016 Unemployment Rate	14.1%	21.3%	6.6%	4.9%
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics				
2016 Poverty Rate	25.5%	37.8%	9.9%	14%
Poverty Rank <i>rank out of 3,142 counties</i>	229 (top 7%)	29 (top 1%)	45 out of 50 states	-
Source: U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) Program, 2016 data				



## Purpose

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A coordinated effort among our sister organizations, tribes, village corporations and cities towards the development of our economy

January of 2018: CEOs of AVCP, AVCP RHA, Calista, YKHC, YDFDA, and CVRF designated staff to assist in the development of the CEDS Document and the planning of a 2018 Y-K Region Economic Summit





## Regional Partner Core Planning Group

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Donna Bach, Formerly with the Calista Corporation

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Jeremy Osborne, Yuut Elitnaurviat

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## Yukon-Kuskokwim Region

## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

2018 – 2023

*Prepared for the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration*



## Method

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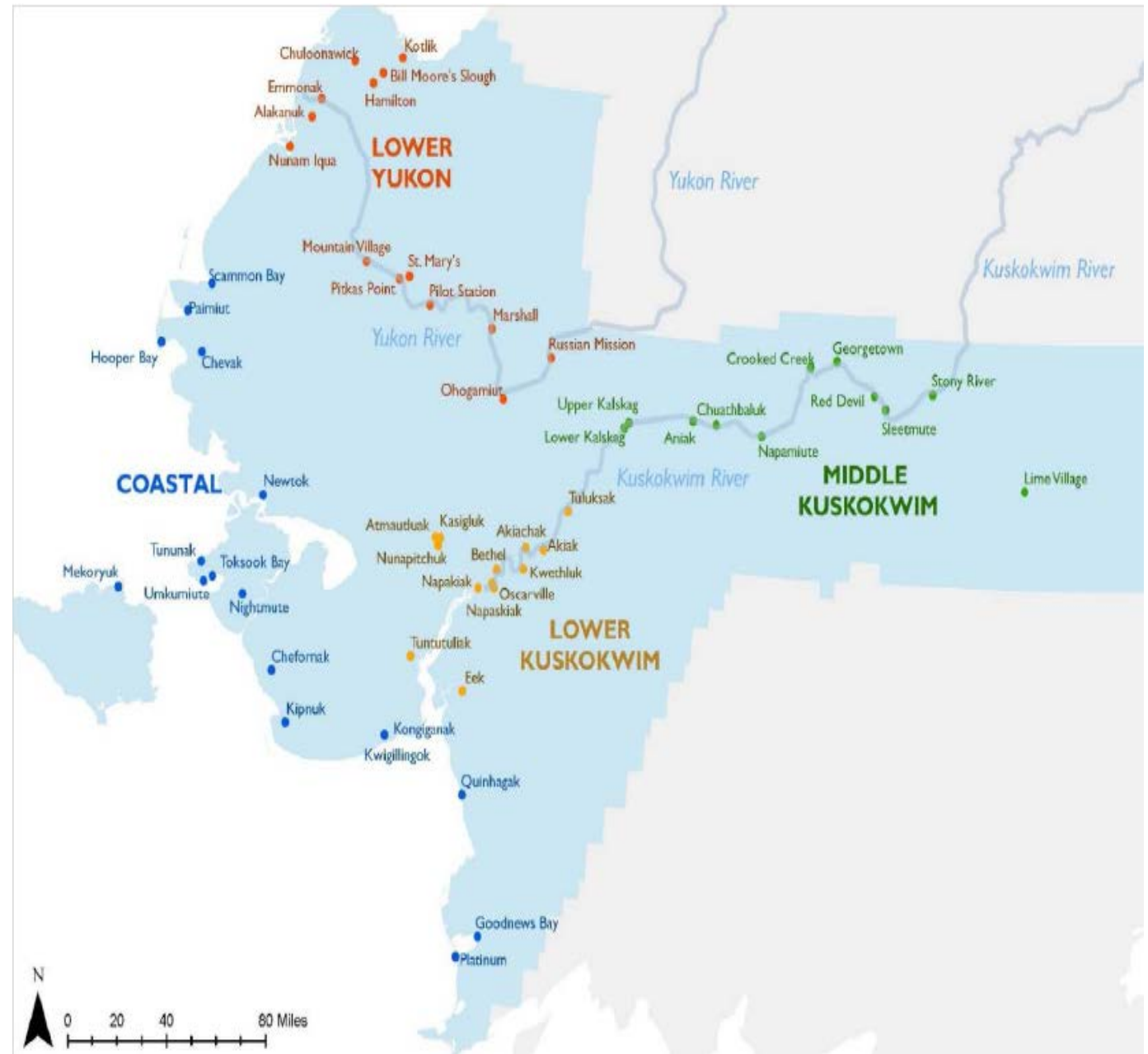
Hired Agnew Beck to facilitate the development of the CEDS as the 3<sup>rd</sup> party

Core planning group met weekly and every other week to provide direction to Agnew Beck

Conducted interviews with key stakeholders

Conducted Sub-regional Economic Workshops in Aniak, Hooper Bay, and Bethel

Conducted a successful Y-K Economic Summit in March of 2018



## Results

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### Y-K Region Economic Vision

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We identified 8 overarching goals

### Goal A – Grow Our Own: Develop an educated and well-trained regional workforce and group of future leaders

- A. Encourage businesses, communities and organizations to engage youth earlier and more often: bring young residents to conferences, meet with them in classrooms, invite to board meetings; encourage them to vision for their future and engage them in career conversations earlier. (Priority Strategy #1)
- B. Connect regional corporations with five school districts on a regular basis to inform school boards of workforce needs and increase recruitment of local graduates. (Priority Strategy #2)
- C. Improve college readiness of local students by supporting Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) pre-college components (middle and high school). (Priority Strategy #3)
- D. Grow the local aviation workforce. (Priority Strategy #4)
- E. Work with children and youth, potentially ages three to 25, to develop basic skills to operate within workplace culture. (Priority Strategy #5)
- F. Identify and meet training needs for local people to be prepared to work during construction and operation of Donlin Gold mine. (Priority Strategy #6)
- G. Encourage residents to pursue careers in education and increase local hire for teaching positions.
- H. Promote math, science, biology, research, natural resource and fisheries management as locally relevant career fields and increase training, internship and employment opportunities for residents to gain these skills for employment with federal and state agencies.

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### Goal B – Address Critical Housing Needs

- A. Expand regional water and sewer infrastructure projects; allow regional housing authorities to be eligible for water and sewer infrastructure funds to help offset installation costs for new homes. (Priority Strategy #7)
- B. Construct 3,000 homes in the Y-K region to address the housing shortage. (Priority Strategy #8)
- C. Support local lumber, sawmill, and home manufacturing efforts such as a truss manufacturing plant to reduce the cost of building materials and increase local employment opportunities. (Priority Strategy #9)
- D. Develop programs to educate residents and local agencies on how to finance a new home. (Priority Strategy #10)
- E. Partner with Yuut Elitnaurviat or the Kuspuk School District's EXCEL program for high school students to expand construction apprenticeship programs.
- F. Develop programs to educate residents and local agencies on how to finance a new home.
- G. Work with Native allottees to subdivide and construct homes in rural communities.
- H. Expand private and community-based financing options for housing projects.
- I. Increase tribal member access to land.

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## Goal C – Support and Grow Local Business Development and Entrepreneurship

- A. Conduct finance, business basics, and life management skills education in communities to help residents understand credit, loans, insurance and banking opportunities, starting with youth in junior and senior high schools, and including young and older adults. (Priority Strategy #11)
- B. Collectively invest in regional community and economic development. (Priority Strategy #12)
- C. Promote farm-to-table and seafood-to-table commercial and export opportunities for locally grown and harvested goods, including value-added processing. (Priority Strategy #13)
- D. Establish a tanning operations company or factory in the region to process harvested furs for export, local use and arts/crafts. (Priority Strategy #14)



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## Goal D – Expand and Improve Regional Communications, Energy and Transportation Infrastructure

- A. Construct the Yukon-Kuskokwim Freight Corridor (connect communities along the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers via a 44-mile overland route). (Priority Strategy #15)
- B. Construct the Lower Yukon River Regional Port Development Project in Emmonak. (Priority Strategy #16)
- C. Implement needed upgrades at airports around the region, including resurfacing, taxiways, airport lighting and other infrastructure. (Priority Strategy #17)
- D. Bring natural gas from Cook Inlet to the region, either in bulk shipments or via pipeline. (Priority Strategy #18)
- E. Increase connectivity in the region by connecting Bethel to other parts of the state via a fiber optic telecommunications cable. (Priority Strategy #19)
- F. Construct a gravel pit at Pilcher Mountain, along with a road and port for exporting gravel. (Priority Strategy #20)
- G. Complete upgrades to the City of Bethel dock. (Priority Strategy #21)
- H. Construct a new petroleum port/cargo dock in Bethel. (Priority Strategy #22)

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## Goal E – Improve the Health, Wellness and Safety of the Region's People and Communities

- A. Improve success of those reentering communities from correctional facilities by providing treatment for addictions, increasing education, job training, and life skills, to increase workforce and improve public safety. (Priority Strategy #23)
- B. Address substance abuse challenges (including alcohol, opioids and methamphetamine) through increased programs and treatment options. (Priority Strategy #24)
- C. Replace village health clinics, including replacements in Kongiganak, Quinhagak, and Akiachak, and clinic expansion in Kwigillingok. (Priority Strategy #25)
- D. Continue to support YKHC's clinic and hospital expansion, including identifying funding to meet YKHC staffing needs. (Priority Strategy #26)
- E. Design and construct a Regional Family Services Center. (Priority Strategy #27)
- F. Expand the Yukon-Kuskokwim Qavartarvik Hostel, YKHC's lodging facility for patients. (Priority Strategy #28)
- G. Safely export waste materials from villages and process them for recycling or safe disposal.
- H. Encourage all villages to compact with YKHC to support health care facilities and services in all Y-K communities.
- I. Improve public safety by committing to ensure a Village public safety officer (VPSO) or other public safety presence in every village.

## Goal F – Create Resilient and Prepared Communities

- A. Establish a Western Alaska Emergency Response Center in Bethel. (Priority Strategy #29)
- B. Participate in Adapt Y-K action planning to identify community-supported responses to climate change to protect natural resources for subsistence and environmental integrity. (Priority Strategy #30)
- C. Create a regional Disaster Relief and Recovery Plan.
- D. Encourage all Y-K communities to prepare hazard mitigation plans and conduct tribal emergency management training through FEMA.

## Goal G – Cultivate Regional Coordination and Planning

- A. Develop and annually update a long-term regional economic development plan, with an annual meeting to review progress and report on advocacy efforts.
- B. Support regional political Y-K Regional Advocacy + Engagement Committee to speak with one voice, increase voter turnout, Census participation, and participation in local organizations.

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### Goal H – Protect Natural Resource Harvests and Subsistence

- A. Revive commercial fisheries along the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers.
- B. Increase agricultural production in the region, including indoor year-round growing operations, market gardening and farming.
- C. Expand opportunities for local subsistence harvesters and fishers to bring their products to market (e.g., fish, greens, berries).
- D. Support the Native Village of Mekoryuk Reindeer Herding Revitalization Project.
- E. Establish a Meat Processing Facility in Aniak.
- F. Continue to support the Inter-tribal Fisheries Commissions for the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

## How

### CEDS Committee

Action Planning

Updates

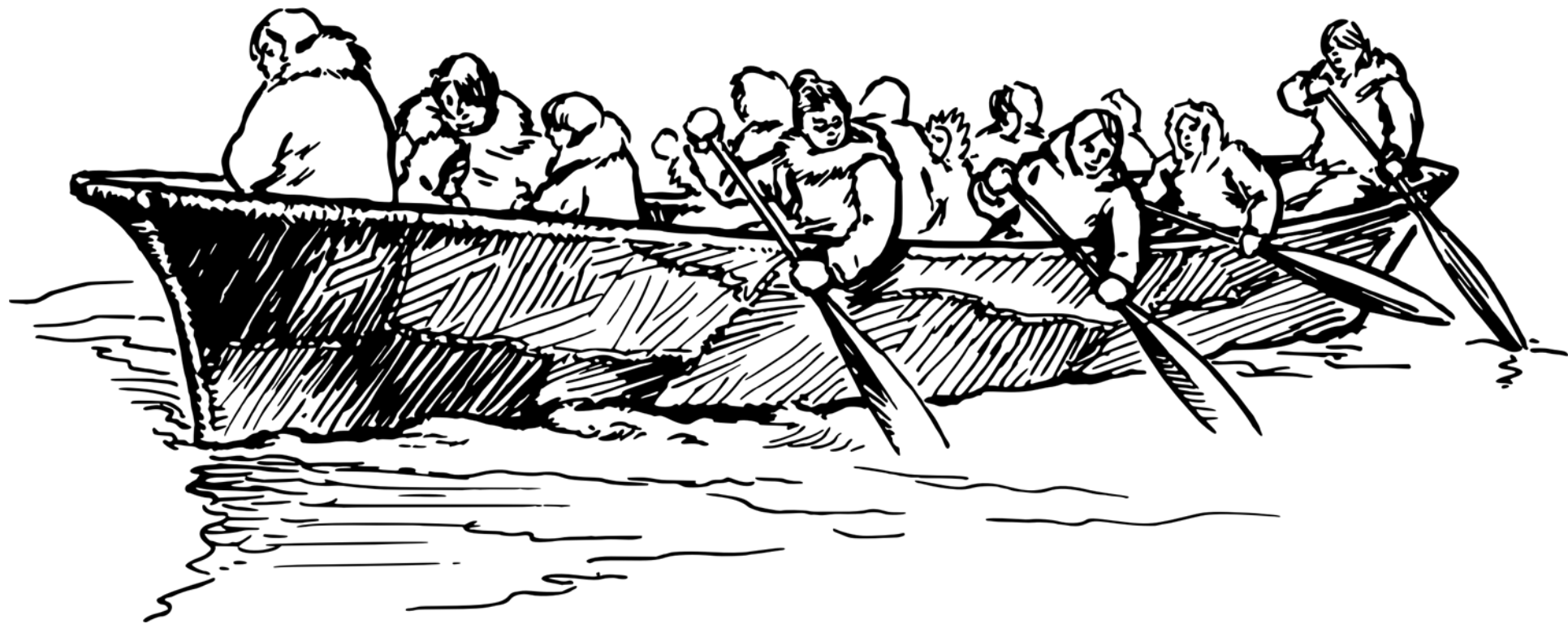
Annual Economic Summits: reporting of results

Name	Organization	Cluster/Focus	Sub-region
Jennifer Hooper	Association of Village Council Presidents	Subsistence	Regional
Mark Charlie	AVCP Regional Housing Authority	Housing	Regional
Clarence Daniel	AVCP Transportation	Transportation	Regional
Carolyn Kuckertz	Azachorok Incorporated	Multiple	Lower Yukon
Donna Bach	Calista Corporation	Multiple	Regional
Michelle Humphrey	Coastal Villages Region Fund	Fisheries	Coastal, Lower Kuskokwim
Colleen Laroux	Donlin Gold	Mining	Regional
Bob Walsh	GCI	Communications	Regional
Robert Kelley	Grant Aviation	Transportation	Regional
Colin Stewart	Lower Kuskokwim School District	Education	Coastal, Lower Kuskokwim
Mark Leary	Native Village of Napaimute	Timber	Middle Kuskokwim
Natalie Hanson	Nuvista	Energy	Regional
William Naneng	Sea Lion Corporation	Multiple	Coastal
Jon Cochrane	Wells Fargo	Finance	Regional
Jennifer Williams	Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association	Fisheries	Lower Yukon (partial)
Dan Winkelman	Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Health Care	Regional
Jeremy Osborne	Yuut Elitnaurviat	Workforce Development	Regional



## Outcome

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<http://www.avcp.org/services/economic-development>