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### **Klouda earns Certified Economic Developer designation**

ANCHORAGE, AK—Nolan Klouda, Executive Director for the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED), earned his Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) designation from the International Economic Development Council today, bringing Alaska's total number of CEcDs from two to three.

"I'm thrilled that Nolan achieved his CEcD designation," said Christi Bell, CEcD, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of the University of Alaska Anchorage Business Enterprise Institute. "This designation recognizes not only Nolan's economic development experience, but also his dedication and leadership towards the profession. I'm excited to see how his career evolves here in Alaska."

The CEcD is the economic development industry's leading designation. Economic developers with four or more years working in the industry are eligible to earn their certification after attending practitioner-based training courses as well as passing a rigorous multi-part written test and oral exam to designate their expertise. With a pass rate of 33 percent, achieving CEcD status is highly challenging and rigorously pursued.

Klouda provides overall leadership for CED, as well as support for other programs of the UAA Business Enterprise Institute. Prior to taking his current role in 2014, Nolan served as Associate Director. Nolan holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science from Gustavus Adolphus College. He was named to Alaska's "Top 40 Under 40" in 2015.

#### **About the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED)**

CED is a university-based partnership promoting economic diversity through entrepreneurship, community building, and action oriented strategy. CED is a program of the University of Alaska Anchorage Business Enterprise Institute and is one of 52 University Centers designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

#### **About IEDC**

The world's largest membership organization serving the economic development profession, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization providing leadership and excellence in economic development.

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