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### **Fauske hired as CED Associate Director**

ANCHORAGE, AK—Gretchen Wieman Fauske is the new Associate Director for the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED). Fauske will be responsible for leading the entrepreneurship, marketing, and outreach efforts of CED as well as providing strategic leadership for both CED and the UAA Business Enterprise Institute.

"I've known Gretchen and admired her abilities for some time. She has boundless creativity and rare understanding of the intersections between communications and economic development," says Nolan Klouda, CED Executive Director. "I'm excited to see her unleash these talents as a key team member and leader here at CED."

Prior to joining CED, Fauske worked in the State of Alaska Division of Economic Development (DED), for U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, and in the private sector. From this experience, she developed keen insight to private, political, and governmental drivers and their impact on the economy.

While at DED, Fauske worked on a number of award-winning economic development projects and was named to Alaska's "Top 40 Under 40" in 2013. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Whitman College and serves on the board of Launch Alaska.

#### **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 one of 52 University Centers designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

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