

Fliss becomes Manager of Strategic Engagement, Johnson hired as Lead Analyst

ANCHORAGE, AK—Margo Owens Fliss is stepping into a new role – Manager of Strategic Engagement - at the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development (CED) and Richelle Johnson is joining the team as Lead Analyst.

Fliss has led a number of high profile projects at CED, most recently as co-organizer for the VOLT49 renewable energy sprint, strategic planning for the Aleutian-Pribilof region, and managing the Americorps VISTA program. Her new role as Manager of Strategic Engagement draws on her expertise in stakeholder engagement, consensus building, and action-oriented strategy.

“Margo has displayed incredible talent at strategic engagement during the two-plus years she’s been at CED, and I’m thrilled to be able to offer increased services to our clients in this area,” says Nolan Klouda, CED Executive Director.

Johnson joins the CED team from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska where she helped rural communities resolve energy challenges. Prior to this, she completed an internship at the Alaska Energy Authority. As Lead Analyst, she uses her expertise in quantitative analysis, economics, and research to advance economic development on behalf of CED’s clients.

“Richelle is a talented analyst with deep knowledge of Alaska’s economy,” says Klouda. “Her skillset and approach to projects will be a huge asset to CED.”

Fliss holds a Master of Public Policy from Mills College and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She is currently on the board of thread and is the Executive Director of the Miss Alaska Scholarship Foundation. Johnson holds a Bachelors of Arts in Economics from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She received the Fran Ulmer Transformative Research Award for her undergraduate capstone project.

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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