



Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

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RE: Sponsorship for the 2018 SWAMC Economic Summit and Membership Meeting

Dear Sponsor,

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2018. Past 30 years our region has made progress on many economic development fronts but challenges remain. SWAMC role and mission, to promote economic development and community well-being in Southwest Alaska, is more critical during times of change and uncertainty. Our theme for the 2018 Economic Summit and Membership Meeting is **Resilient Communities Meeting the Challenge of Tomorrow** and we invite you to join us in Anchorage on March 1-2, 2018 to discuss how our region can work together to meet challenges of expensive energy, high transportation costs, poor or expensive internet availability, and reduced State support for infrastructure and services.

SWAMC recognizes the annual Economic Summit and Membership Meeting as a core function of our organization. The annual Summit represents the largest gathering of government and business leaders from Southwest Alaska together to promote policies of importance to our region. SWAMC's annual summit benefits the region in several key areas: (1) provides our members with relevant and current information on subjects important and relevant to our region; (2) serves as a networking opportunity for exchanging expertise, lessons learned and best practices among community leaders; (3) connects SWAMC, as a regional organization, with elected leaders to express SWAMC's positions on policy issues important to the region. This year SWAMC identified important issues as transportation, opioid abuse, Federal initiatives of the Trump Administration, broadband, a fiscal plan for the State of Alaska, high energy costs, and fishery support and management.

SWAMC recognizes that the success and quality of our annual Economic Summit depends upon your support so we invite you to support the 2018 Summit. With you help we can continue ensure the Southwest region has a forum that focuses on issues important to our region and brings people from across the region together to teach and learn from each other.

We are always grateful for our partners and their support, and welcome any questions and feedback. Please contact Doug Griffin, Executive Director at dgriffin@swamc.org with any questions. Happy Holidays, and we look forward to seeing you in March!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Skinner' followed by a long, sweeping flourish.

Rebecca Skinner, President
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