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Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen...

For the record, my name is Chad Hutchinson...

I am the director of the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center...

I would like to provide a brief overview about my background...

I am a 25-year member of the Operating Engineers Local 302...

I am also a graduate of the Local 302 apprenticeship and training program...

I spent the first 15 winters of my career on Alaska's North Slope, working for Crowley Marine's – all terrain division Catco, supporting Alaska's producers in the exploration and production of the North Slope's oil and gas reserves...

In 2006, I became the Alaska Operating Engineers Apprenticeship and Training Coordinator in The Northern Region,

In 2015 I was fortunate enough to be hired as the new director at the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center ...

Our mission at FTFC is to train and develop Alaska's oil and gas and construction workforce.

The training center is a fully-integrated facility and provides classroom and hands-on training in the disciplines of:

- X-country pipeline training...
- Building and trades work in module training...
- Process tech, which is delivered by the UAF Community & Technical Collage.

We collaborate with our training partners to deliver training to apprentices, high school and college students, transitioning military personnel and vets, and students from Alaska's numerous rural communities. The training center also has a linkage agreement with the Fairbanks North Star Borough school district, the APJCC and other education and training providers to execute work place safety and on-the-job training, with the specific goal of training the next generation of

Alaska's oil and gas and construction workforce, and with an emphasis on legacy jobs...

I would also like to mention that none of what you see here would work without the unwavering support of:

- our oil industry partners
- labor
- state and federal government
- As well as industry suppliers

Who have all come together to make the training center a reality.

With some many talking about developing a Natural Gas Pipeline in Alaska, the coming together building partnerships to make it happen. The cost of developing a Gas Line. The challenges that lay ahead in these economic times.

My concern is who is going to build it? When the time comes are we going to be prepared with the workforce needed?

To have a Skilled, Productive and Safe Workforce takes years to develop. Young people starting in Apprenticeship programs Today will just be moving onto a journeymen career in 4 to 5 years, it can take another 5 to 10 before they have the skill and experience they need to move into Leadership rolls if the opportunities are there. We have 2 work seasons in Alaska, summer and winter both can be a very short time to gain experience needed.

In the oil and gas and Construction industry there is no single 4 week class that will give you everything you need to know for a Career in industry. It is time in the classroom and the On the Job Training that creates a Safe, Skilled, Experienced workforce. Safe being a key factor in.

Work force development and Career Exploration Now will determine the success of a gas line in the years to come, this is a continuing investment that needs to increase double of what it is now. We need to reconnect Workforce Development and Career Exploration with Skilled Trades now more than ever. We have been able to reach out state wide with Career Exploration opportunities, in return people have had a chance and opportunity to work in there community's.

Whether a gas line project develops or not, building a workforce is still needed today to maintain what is already in place now and other future projects.

I was once told: The Trans Alaska Pipeline was a home for the old and a school for the young. Those young people are now retiring and leaving the workforce everyday with history and knowledge that is not in a plans book or on a computer. It is the information that passes from Journeymen to Apprentice through years of continuous workforce development.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide a short description of the FPTC... and its value to Alaska, our oil and gas production, construction industry and residents.