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## CORDOVA CHAMBER HOSTS ALASKA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER!

Free small business development trainings and 1-on-1 business counseling April 16-18, 2019

**CORDOVA ALASKA, March 8, 2019 –** In coordination with the Cordova Chamber of Commerce, the Alaska Small Business Development Center (AK SBDC) will be coming to Cordova on April 16-18 to offer free and confidential small business development group trainings and one-on-one business counseling. Trainings and counseling sessions are 100% free and confidential.

"It all began when we hosted our Cordova Economic Summit last April," said Cathy Renfeldt of Cordova Chamber of Commerce. At that meeting, the community and business members indicated lack of small business development and support as one of the biggest hurdles to growth for their business in Cordova. In response, the Cordova Chamber reached out to the Alaska Small Business Development Center, which recently add a Rural Development Coordinator position dedicated to providing business training and counseling to small business owners in communities around the state without SBDC offices.

The Cordova Chamber of Commerce welcomes Alaska Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to Cordova April 16-18 for in-person group trainings and one-on-one small business counseling. Group trainings will be held the evenings of April 16 & 17 at the Cordova Center Education Room and will focus on Growing Your Business through a Solid Business Plan & Financial Models. One-on-one counseling appointments are available between 9am-3pm on April 17 & 18. These opportunities are free and open to all, but you must sign up to attend. Visit <u>cordovachamber.com/business-resources</u> for the 3 step sign up process. Interested individuals may also contact the Cordova Chamber of Commerce at (907) 424-7260, email <u>executivedirector@cordovachamber.com</u> or stop into their office at 404 First Street between 10am-4pm weekdays.

The Cordova Chamber of Commerce is governed by a 16-member board of directors and comprised of approximately 130 members. In addition to operating the Cordova Visitors Center, the Chamber's work is divided into four program areas: maintaining residential quality of life, economic development, destination marketing and leadership development. If you have questions or would like to volunteer or support the event with a donation or sponsorship, email <u>cathy@cordovachamber.com</u> or call 907-424-7260. The latest details for the event are available at <u>cordovachamber.com/business-resources</u>.

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