
J. ROBERT VENABLES

WORK EXPERIENCE

2017 to present Executive Director, Southeast Conference

- Chief Operations Officer for Regional Development Organization
- Supervises staff, contractors and economic development programs
- Manages state, federal and local grants, membership revenue
- Coordinate, plan and implement Industry, Municipal, Tribal priorities

May 2008 - 2017 Southeast Conference, Energy Coordinator

- Facilitate the development and implementation of energy plans and policies
- Collaborate with Local, State, Tribal and Federal governments and agencies
- Emphasis in Rural Alaska energy planning regional and statewide
- Work with communities to develop renewable energy infrastructure
- Coordinate other agency efforts in southeast, including USDA, DOE, RAP
- Engage stakeholder discussions and planning for regional issues
- Develop partnerships and programs for energy efficiency, DSM efforts

October 2004 – May 2008 Haines Borough Haines, AK *Borough Manager*

- Chief Administrative Officer of the Haines Borough
- Supervises the enforcement of municipal law
- Implements Borough Assembly policies and directives
- Works with the public, municipalities, state and federal governments
- Grant and contract administration and procurement

2000 – October 2004 Haines Borough Haines, AK *Economic Development Director*

- Implements overall economic development plan
- Develop port and harbor infrastructure
- Worked with local and regional stakeholders, state, and federal agencies

1990 – 2001 Northern Sales Company Haines, AK *Haines Operations Manager*

- Created successful Haines branch for regional S.E. Alaska company
- Directed marketing and product placement & supervised local workforce

REGIONAL and STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

2014 – Present Alaska Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board

2003 – Present Marine Transportation Advisory Board

Member, Advisory Board (2011-present Chair), Appointed by 5 Governors

2001 – 2008 Southeast Conference

Member, Board of Directors; 2005-2006 SEC Board President

2004 - 2006 Municipal Advisory Group

Member, Alaska Natural Gas Development Task Force

1999 – 2005 Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors, Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Southeast Alaska)

LOCAL CIVIC ACTIVITIES

1988 – 2016 Haines, Alaska

- 2009 – December 2015, Haines Borough Planning Commissioner
- 2008 – 2011, Founding Director, Chilkat Valley Community Foundation
- 1988 – 2004, 2009 – Present, Haines Fire District #3, board member
- 1992 – 2004, 2010 – Present HDT Road Maintenance Service Area board
- 1995-2002, 2004 Director, Haines Chamber of Commerce (President 1999)
- Charter Commissioner, Haines Borough Charter Commission