

## J. ROBERT VENABLES

### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### **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.
- Collaborate with State and Federal agencies on statewide programs.

#### **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.
- Member of AK House Energy Committee Stakeholders Group
- Emphasis in Rural Alaska energy planning regional and statewide.
- Statewide AK Rural Energy Conference, steering committee, facilitator.
- Worked with communities to develop renewable energy infrastructure.
- Coordinate other agency efforts in southeast, including USDA, DOE, REAP.
- DOE Energy Ambassador, DOE Office of Indian Energy
- Engage stakeholder discussions and planning for regional IRPs.
- 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
- Supervised the enforcement of municipal law.
- Implement Borough Assembly policies and directives.
- Work 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, including hydro and biomass
- Develop port and harbor infrastructure, planning and implementation.
- Worked with local and regional stakeholders, state, and federal agencies.

### REGIONAL and STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

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2023 Alaska Energy Security Task Force, member  
2003 – 2021 Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board  
*Member, Advisory Board (2011-2021 Chair), Appointed by 5 Governors*  
2014 - 2016 Alaska Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board 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

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- 1988 – 2016 Haines, Alaska
- 2009 – December 2015, Haines Borough Planning Commissioner
  - 2008 – 2011, Founding Director, Chilkat Valley Community Foundation
  - 1988 – 2004, 2008 – 2020, Haines Fire District #3, board member
  - 1995-2002, 2004 Director, Haines Chamber of Commerce (President 1999)
  - Charter Commissioner, Haines Borough Charter Commission