



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Maritime
Administration**

Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 19, 2021

Pat Pitney
President, University of Alaska
Alaska Maritime Education Consortium
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Fairbanks, AK 99775-5000

Dear Ms. Pitney,

I write with a great deal of pride to confirm the designation of the Alaska Maritime Education Consortium as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE). This CoE program was established by Congress under Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and I am honored to designate your esteemed institution for this important recognition on behalf of Secretary Buttigieg.

The CoE designation recognizes the tremendous value that your institution provides to our nation by developing and preparing students for demanding careers in our vitally important maritime industry. Your graduates have made outstanding contributions to the industry over the years which is an excellent testimonial to the superior academic and professional education and training they received while attending one of the member institutions of the Alaska Maritime Education Consortium.

I look forward to the Alaska Maritime Education Consortium's continued excellence in the field of maritime education and training. Well done!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucinda Lessley", written over a horizontal line.

Lucinda Lessley
Acting Maritime Administrator



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

The Maritime Administrator hereby designates

Alaska Maritime Education Consortium

as a

Center of Excellence

for

Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE)

Having met eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and qualitative attributes consistent with Section 3507 of the FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act and 46 U.S.C. § 54102, the *Alaska Maritime Education Consortium* has demonstrated its excellence in assisting the maritime industry with obtaining and maintaining the highest quality workforce. This designation as a Center of Excellence is valid for the 2021-2022 CoE program year.

May 19, 2021

Date

Lucinda Hlesley
Acting Maritime Administrator