

## **AML 75th Annual Local Government Conference**

**Anchorage, Alaska, December 10–11, 2025**

Across these two central days, AML emphasized:

- Leadership development and municipal culture
  - Fiscal uncertainty and revenue resilience
  - Housing, health, and education system sustainability
  - Infrastructure priorities: broadband, water, transportation, energy
  - Innovation in AI, GIS, and drone-based planning
  - Celebration of 75 years of statewide municipal cooperation
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### **Embracing a Culture of Leadership**

A major plenary focused on municipal leadership values, unity, and local decision-making.

Speakers included:

- Nils Andreassen (AML Executive Director)
  - Tim Rahschulte (Professional Development Academy)
  - Mayor Josiah Patkotak (North Slope Borough)
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### **Community Compass: Navigating Today’s Realities**

A statewide and national outlook on:

- Alaska’s economy and budget
  - Infrastructure funding priorities
  - Preparing municipalities for change
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### **Public Investment Trends — Maximizing Revenues**

Best practices in municipal investment systems, featuring Alaska Permanent Capital Management and Cashvest. Topics include the AMLIP and LGIP; how to remain safe while earning by investing; using everything we can to maximize the value of the dollar.

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### **Improving Community Health**

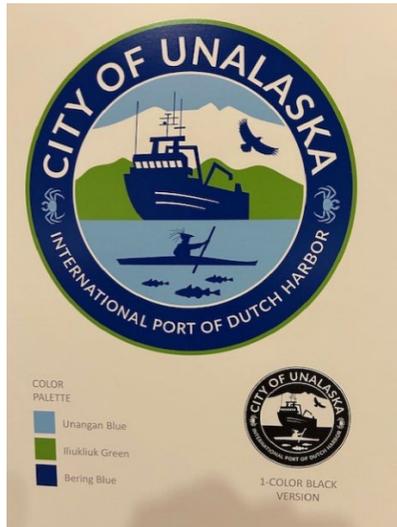
How housing, transportation, education, and safety shape public health outcomes.

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## Legacy of Local Community Showcase Reception

Held at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

- Entertainment
- AML anniversary program
- Community branding unveilings. Apparently the City of Unalaska has a new logo????



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## Atmos for Business / Thriving in the Tension of Municipal Leadership

Leadership-focused plenary with:

- Scott Habberstad (Alaska Airlines)
- Seth Winterhalter (Halting Winter Municipal Solutions)

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## Dual Use Infrastructure

Civilian + military infrastructure investment opportunities with Denali Commission participation. Speakers include UAF Alaska Center for Energy and Power (helps with research and identifying risks), Denali Commission (federal assistance programs), City of Juneau. Topics included the Defense Community Initiative; becoming a USCG city through accreditation; building infrastructure for USCG training; initiating building a relationship with the USCG (because they can't initiate the conversation – it has to start from the community).

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## **Energy and Data Centers**

Keynote by **Randy Ruaro (AIDEA Executive Director)**.

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## **Regional Cooperation and Solutions**

National perspectives from:

- National Association of Development Organizations
  - National Association of Regional Councils
  - National Association of Counties
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## **After Building Age-Friendly Communities in Alaska**

Supporting the needs of elders and senior citizens through local community involvement and volunteerism. How to create age-friendly communities through housing, outdoor spaces, social inclusion and health services. Resources include [www.aarp.org/ak](http://www.aarp.org/ak), [tholt@aarp.org](mailto:tholt@aarp.org) for grant information.

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## **Energy**

Building sustainability and resilience of municipalities with the high costs and limited options of rural communities. Co-ops are partnerships that can enhance energy security. Examples include Inside Passage Electric Co-op, AVEC – Alaska Village Electrical Co-op. Other resources are the Green Bank - sustainable energy financing institutions.

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