

# Mining Industry Briefing

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# Mining Works for Alaska – 2010

- ▶ Six producing large mines
- ▶ 24 exploration projects >\$1M
- ▶ >3,500 direct mining jobs
- ▶ \$95,000 average annual wage



# Mining Activity in Alaska



Mining companies employ Alaska residents from more than 120 Alaska communities, and purchase supplies and services from hundreds of Alaska businesses.



# 2011 Operational Milestones

- ▶ 5 Moz Strong – Ft. Knox
- ▶ Transition to Aqqaluk – Red Dog
- ▶ First full year – Kensington
- ▶ A new beginning – Nixon Fork



# 2011 Development Milestones

- ▶ Partnerships – NANA/Novagold
- ▶ First Look – Donlin Gold
- ▶ Tails Expansion – Greens Creek
- ▶ REE/Critical and Strategic Minerals





# Challenges

- ▶ High Risk
- ▶ Infrastructure
- ▶ Perceptions



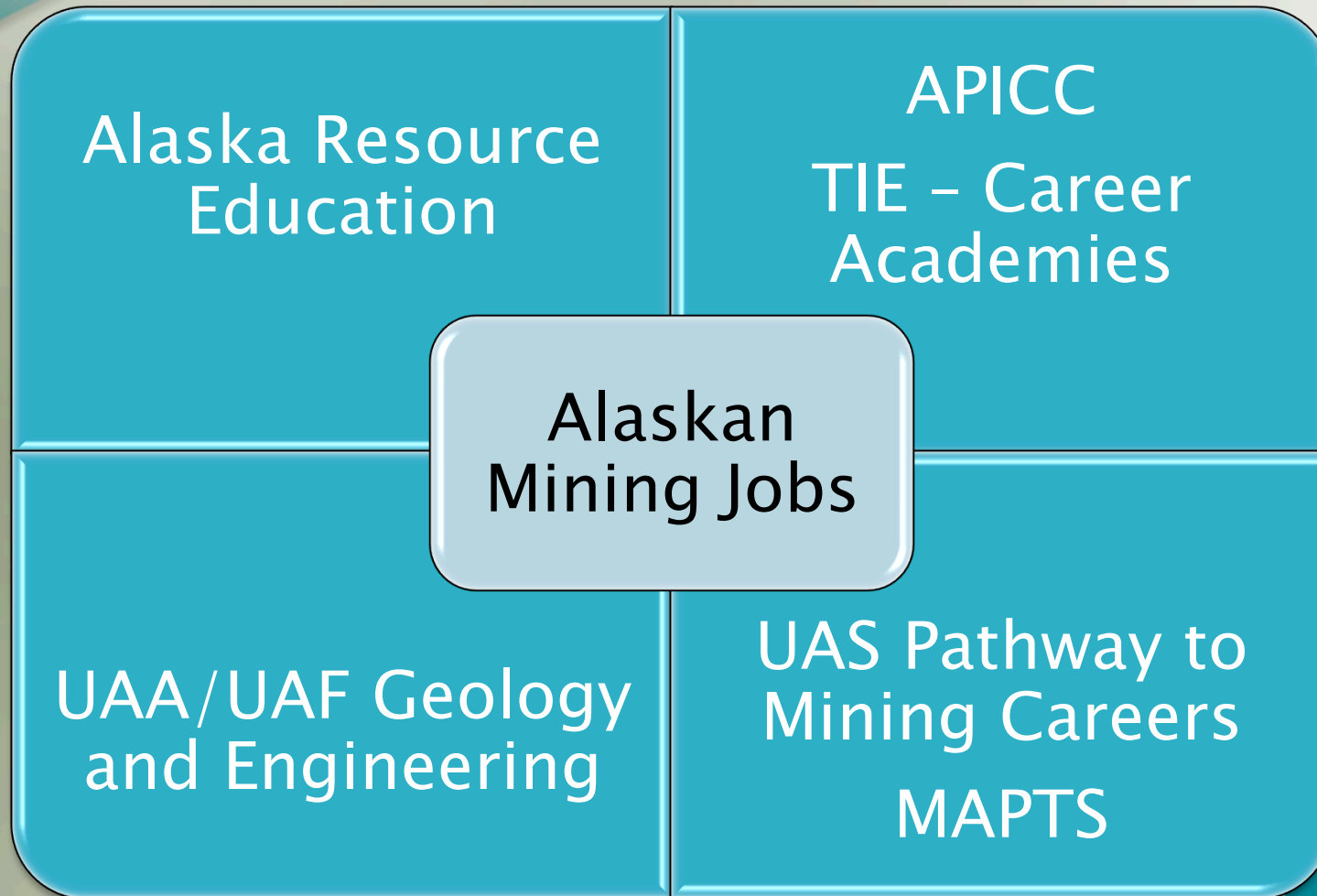
# Opportunities



- ▶ Mineral Potential
- ▶ Rigorous Permitting
- ▶ Public Support
- ▶ Workforce Development



# *Vitalizing* Alaska's Workforce





# Looking to the Future

## ► Mining in Alaska

- Challenging
- Strategic
- Responsible



# Looking to the Future:



- ▶ **Alaska**
  - ▶ Potential
  - ▶ Means
  - ▶ Opportunity
- ▶ Mining will work for Alaska