

## Connective Organizations

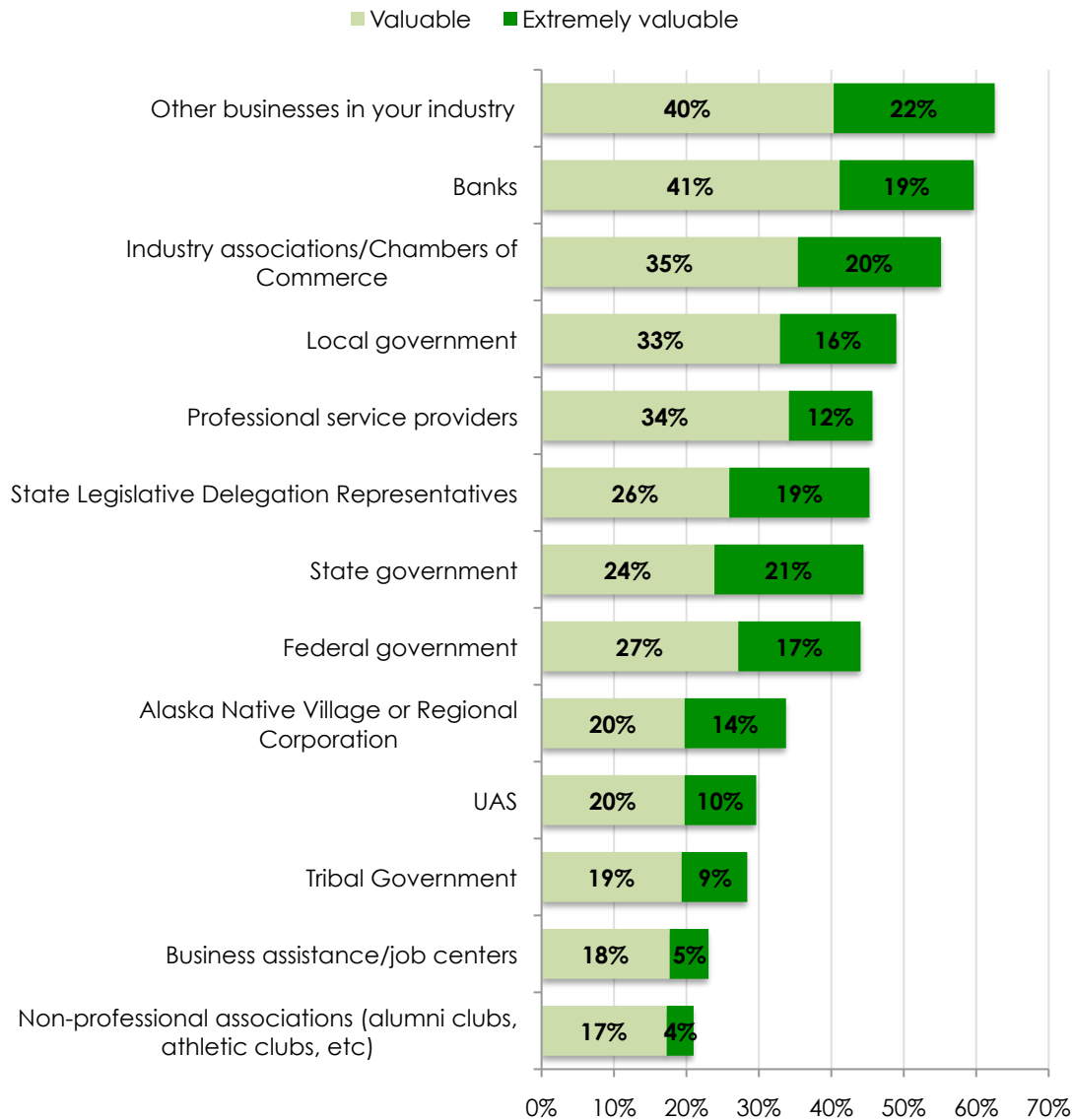
Networks in Southeast Alaska are often the strength and the undoing of our people. Isolation, disconnected transportation routes, antiquated technology, high energy costs, cost of doing business, cultural differences are just a few of the obstacles that bring our people together. We have a very strong native population in our region and that native population although will disagree on specific projects from time to time are certainly a piece that holds our network together. Southeast Conference is another piece; they are able to bring many people from all different facets together for collaboration. Many communities have a chamber of commerce, an economic development group of some sort and a visitor bureau. There is also an extensive arts community throughout Southeast Alaska. All of these groups put together make a very strong network all wanting the same thing; a strong viable economy in Southeast Alaska.

### Southeast Alaska Business Climate Survey

As part of the Southeast Alaska Business Climate Survey, we asked business leaders about how valuable their interactions with other organizations are to their businesses. Possible answers included Not at all valuable, Somewhat valuable, Valuable, Extremely valuable, Not applicable, and Don't know.

Business leaders said other businesses in their industry provide the most value to them, 63% of business leaders feel that other businesses in their industry are valuable or extremely valuable. Banks and industry associations such as Chambers of Commerce also were rated highly (see chart on following page).

Please rate how valuable interaction with each of the following Southeast Alaska institutions is to your business. N=243

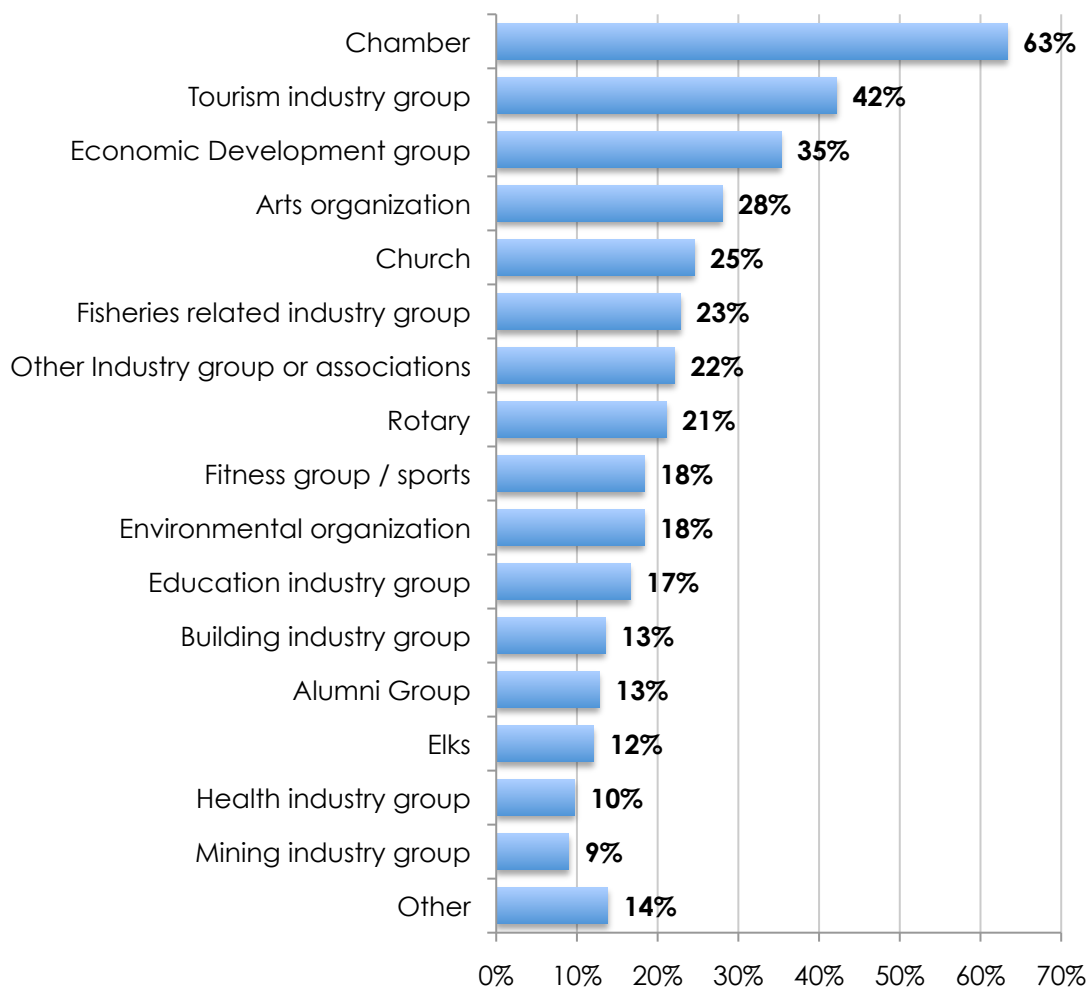


Source: Southeast Alaska Business Climate Survey, 2010 JEDC. N = the number of respondents.

We also asked each business leader about the networks with which their businesses are involved. Respondents were asked to check all that apply. According to the findings, the top three key networks that engage regional business are chambers, tourism industry groups, and economic development groups. Lists of these organizations are on the following pages (full contact information is available in the appendix). The regional business leaders also displayed high membership in arts organizations and churches.

### Key Networks of Southeast Alaska Business Leaders

(Question: Please check all the Southeast Alaska networks to which you or your organization belongs) N=289



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## Southeast Alaska Chambers

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce
Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce
Haines Chamber of Commerce
Juneau Chamber of Commerce
Pelican Chamber of Commerce
Petersburg Chamber of Commerce
Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce
Skagway Chamber of Commerce
Wrangell Chamber of Commerce

## Southeast Alaska Economic Development Organizations

Alaska Committee
Alaska Municipal League
Alaska Resource Development Council
Alaska Small Business Development Center
Community of Elfin Cove Non-Profit Corp.
Edna Bay Community
Hyder Board of Trade
Juneau Economic Development Council
Petersburg Economic Development Council
Sitka Economic Development Association
Skagway Development Corporation
Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Southeast Conference

## Southeast Alaska Tourism Industry Associations

Alaska Cruise Association
Haines Convention & Visitors Bureau
Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau
Ketchikan Visitors Bureau
Petersburg Convention & Visitors Bureau
Sitka Convention & Visitors Bureau
Skagway Convention & Visitors Bureau

## Other Southeast Alaska Industry associations

Industry	Name
Energy	ACE Coalition
Energy	Alaska Power Association
Energy	Southeast Alaska Power Agency
Environmental	Alaska Center for the Environment
Environmental	Natural Resources Defense Council
Environmental	Nature Conservancy
Environmental	Sitka Conservation Society
Environmental	Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
Environmental	Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition
Environmental	Audubon Alaska
Environmental	Wilderness Society
Forestry	Alaska Forest Association
Health Care	Alaska Island Community Services
Health Care	Catholic Community Services
Seafood	Alaska Independent Tenderman's Assn.
Seafood	Alaska Longline Fishermens Ass'n
Seafood	Alaska Trollers Association
Seafood	At-sea Processors Association
Seafood	Petersburg Vessel Owners
Seafood	Purse Seine Vessel Owners Ass'n (PSVOA)
Seafood	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance
Seafood	Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Assn.
Seafood	Southeast Alaska Seiners Association
Seafood	Southeast Herring Conservation Alliance
Seafood	Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
Seafood	United Fishermen of Alaska
Seafood	United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters Assn
Seafood	Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
Union	International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302

## Southeast Alaska Mayors/Community Leaders

Community	Name	Title
City of Angoon	Albert Howard	Mayor
City of Coffman Cove	Misty Fitzpatrick	Mayor
City of Craig	A.H. Millie Schoonover	Mayor
Douglas Indian Association	Frank Miyasoto	President
Elfin Cove Community Council	Gordon Wrobel	President
City of Gustavus	Jim Mackovjak	Mayor
Haines Borough	Janice Hill	Mayor
Hollis Community Council	Budd Burnett	President
City of Hoonah	Alf Windy Skaflestad	Mayor
City of Hydaburg	Anthony Christianson	Mayor
Hyder Community Association, Inc.	Mike Craft	President
City & Borough of Juneau	Bruce Botelho	Mayor
City of Kake	Henrich Kadake, Sr.	Mayor
City of Kasaan	Audrey Escoffon	Mayor
City of Ketchikan	Lew Williams III	Mayor
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Dave Kiffer	Mayor
City of Klawock	Donald Marvin	Mayor
Chilkat Indian Village	Kimberly Strong	President
Metlakatla Indian Community	Arthur Fawcett	Mayor
Naukati West Homeowners Association, Inc.	Andrew Richter	President
City of Pelican	Clint Bean	Mayor
City of Petersburg	Al Dwyer	Mayor
Point Baker Community	Judy Wright	Chairperson
City of Port Alexander	Debra Rose Gifford	Mayor
Port Protection Community Assoc.	Gail Sterling	Secretary/Treasurer
City & Borough of Sitka	Cheryl Westover	Mayor
Municipality of Skagway	Thomas Cochran	Mayor
City of Tenakee Springs	Don Pegues	Mayor
City of Thorne Bay	Jim Gould	Mayor
Whale Pass Community Association	Steve Loucks	President
City & Borough of Wrangell	Jeremy M. Maxand	Mayor
City & Borough of Yakutat	Dave Stone	Mayor

### Key Business/education partnerships

Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC)  
 Ketchikan Indian Community - Southern Southeast Alaska Vocational Technical Training Center  
 Juneau Arts & Humanities Council  
 Sitka Arts Council  
 Southeast Alaska Land Trust  
 International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302 Apprenticeship program  
 University of Alaska, Southeast  
 State of Alaska Department of Labor  
 Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)  
 University of Alaska Fairbanks