

Startup Weekend CEDS Industry Forum November 13, 2016

30 people in attendance

Opportunities and Strengths

- Arctic cooperation
- Pollution controls
- Cooling servers
- Thermal heating
- Environmental opportunities
 - Biotech
 - Export of Alaskan knowledge
- Technical innovations
- Evolving start-up ecosystem
- Place to be creative (The Boardroom co-working space)
- Tourism
- Vast natural resources
- Digital infrastructure
- Population
- Climate change – agriculture has potential with more R&D
- Immigration acceptance
- Microgrid knowledge
- Geographic position
- Crowdfunding
- Microfinance
- Venture capital regional targeting

Weaknesses

- Insurance – workman's compensation, health insurance costs

- Regulatory impacts on businesses are stifling
- High shipping costs – both in and out
- Student loan debt
- Services not available in Alaska Business Services
- Lack of infrastructure – limited roads and ports
- Federal land ownership
- Federal food regulations – organic regulations
- Childcare costs
- Housing availability/costs
- Access to capital
 - Risk averse investors
 - Capital is available, but missing connections, visibility
 - Alaska costs are high, but venture capital funding is low