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Kathryn Dodge is the new economic development specialist for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service.

Dodge will develop and deliver programs for Alaska small businesses and entrepreneurs and work with other agencies and organizations on statewide economic development. Dodge says she will initially offer programs in Interior and rural Alaska and is excited about helping businesses succeed.

Most recently, Dodge served as policy research director at the Cold Climate Housing Research Center in Fairbanks. Previously, she worked for eight years as the economic development specialist for the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 15 years in various positions at Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. Dodge holds a doctorate in human and organizational systems from Fielding Graduate Institute.

Dodge, who has lived in Alaska for 40 years, serves on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly and on the boards of the Alaska Community Foundation and the Alaska Municipal League.

Dodge works out of the Extension state office on the UAF campus. She welcomes programming suggestions and invitations to offer workshops. Contact her at 907-474-6497 or kdodge@alaska.edu.

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