



Report of Project Activities



Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Business Partnerships
DENALI TRAINING FUND
PROGRESS REPORT

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: STG, Inc. NAME OF PROJECT: Welder Training REPORT PERIOD: 05/25/07 – 06/30/07
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PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Briefly describe the grant activities undertaken during the period and any accomplishments achieved.

Eight Chevak, two Nightmute and two Mekoryuk trainees arrived on June 11, 2007. All trainees are housed at UAA West Hall and can walk to training each day at the King Career Center.

Welding training at the King Career Center started on June 12, 2007. Welding training is from 3 pm to 9 pm each night with Sundays off.

Class time is spent on safety in the welding area, shop tools, torches and welding power sources. Also covered in the class are the fundamentals of Shielded Metal Arc Welding. Blueprints and welding symbols, as well as electrode selection, are also addressed.

Shop time is spent on developing correct welding skills in the flat, horizontal, vertical and overhead position using the Shielded Metal Arc Welding process.

Trainees are practicing for fillet welds in the horizontal, vertical and overhead position, groove welds in the horizontal and vertical position and an overhead pile-cap fillet weld.

We have had guest speakers from Air Liquide, Thermadyne, UAA Admissions, and have taken tours of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation's fabrication facility, SteelFab, Greer Tank, Alaska Native Heritage Center and Harley Davidson.

One trainee from Mekoryuk was sent home after the first week due to non attendance; another trainee, also from Mekoryuk, unfortunately committed suicide. The day of the suicide incident the training director, instructor and project manager met with UAA Dean of Students, UAA Police Chief, and the UAA crisis counselor to discuss the situation. Trainees were informed of the suicide and were moved to another floor of the dormitory. The training director also enlisted the services of South Central Foundations grief counselor. The grief counselor met with all trainees, and the training director and instructor to discuss this tragic case. This worked well as it opened up more dialogue between all parties. The grief counselor left a lot of information for future reference. The older trainees in the program have been instrumental in helping the younger trainees through this ordeal.

In spite of these unfortunate events the other trainees have done quite well. There is a lot of talent in rural Alaska and some of these trainees have some very natural welding skills whether they recognize it or not.

7/17/2007

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

Describe the grant activities you expect to complete during the next month.

We expect to finish training by July 14, 2007 and the trainees will be back home by the evening of July 14, 2007.

Trainees should all expect to have earned welding certifications, which should be mailed to them by July 30, 2007.

PROBLEMS, DELAYS OR CONCERNS EXPERIENCED:

Are the grant activities progressing as planned? If not, what is the cause? Identify if there are any areas the Alaska Workforce Investment Office can provide assistance.

No problems here. Gerry McDonagh and staff have been very supportive of STG, Inc. and the trainees.

POSSIBLE PROBLEM RESOLUTIONS AND TIMEFRAMES:

For any problems identified, describe how you will resolve them and how long it will take.

Certification: I certify that the above information is true and correct and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Brian K. Walsh, Training Director

Name and Title



Signature

07/11/07

Date

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