



Report of Project Activities

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Business Partnerships



DENALI TRAINING FUND

PROGRESS REPORT

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The Alaska Works Partnership
NAME OF PROJECT: Apprentice Outreach Initiative for Rural Alaska
REPORT PERIOD: 4th Quarter of FY 03

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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

The AO is going strong. This quarter AO had 92 contacts. 13% were women. 86% were Alaskan Native. 82% were from rural Alaska.

20 individuals were offered positions in 8 different programs during this quarter. 85% were from rural Alaska. There was one woman offered an apprenticeship. Of those individuals 70% were Alaska Native and 5% was American Indian.

The two primary programs interviewing this quarter were the Southern Alaska Carpenters and Southern Alaska Plumbers. The interviews were held in Anchorage. Applicants to both programs were provided interview skills classes at the request of the training coordinators from the program. The Southeastern Carpenters also held interviews this quarter in Juneau. Due to the opening of the AWP office in Juneau, interview skill presentations could be provided to the applicants.

AO participated in the spring Denali Commission meeting in Nome. While there staff had the opportunity to meet with staff from the commission and partners. Additionally, staff met with the local Department of Labor officials to follow up on future opportunities to partner. Also, AO staff had the opportunity to touch base with apprentices from the region.

The AO traveled to Venetie in conjunction with an airport project occurring there. Staff made a presentation to the community on apprenticeship and the opportunities associated with the construction industry, not only with the current project, but in the future as well. These opportunities provide the community a great opportunity to not only see what the industry is like in the community, but to also get a more clear idea of what is necessary to be successful outside the community.

AO, at the invitation of the Tanana Chiefs Conference and the Department of Labor, participated in the spring employment fair. Employment staff from both agencies and clients attend to get a better idea of opportunities available to start careers.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

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

AWP is in the process of formalizing its relationship with the AGC-Alaska to provide a unified response to school districts interested in expanding the opportunities available to their students. This partnership will respond to the ongoing requests by schools for presenters from the industry. It will also look to expand the implementation of Construction Career Curriculum in rural Alaska.

At the request of many of the Building and Construction Trade Unions in the Interior, AWP is developing a Women In Trades apprenticeship preparation program to meet the growing demand for women on the federal megaprojects in the Interior region. AWP is partnering primarily with the Tanana Chiefs Conference and University to give participants exposure to the career opportunities associated with the trades and construction.

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.

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.

Tom Brice/ AO Manager

Name and Title

Signature

Date