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Labor Accepting 2010 STEP Applications

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is accepting proposals for remaining 2010 State Training and Employment Program funds.

STEP, which is funded through employee contributions to Alaska's unemployment insurance trust fund, plays an important role in workforce development by investing in job training projects that result in employment. STEP grants are awarded for training that leads to employment in Alaska's high-wage, high demand occupations in the priority industries approved by the Alaska Workforce Investment Board.

Proposals must be received by March 1 to be considered for funding for the state fiscal year that ends June 30. Proposals will be evaluated and awards made in March. Proposed training schedules should have a start date no earlier than April 1 and must be complete by June 30.

The department's Division of Business Partnerships and AWIB are also accepting proposals for training projects that will take place in the state fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2011. Funding of STEP grant awards are limited by the availability of funds each fiscal year.

Under a new open solicitation with no deadlines, proposals received in April and May will be evaluated for awards made in June. Proposals received after May 31 will be evaluated and awarded throughout the fiscal year, typically on a quarterly basis in September and December, and in March and June 2011.

For an application, go to alaska.gov and click on "Notices" in the top menu bar, view by department "Labor" and under "Grants" select "State Fiscal Year 2010 State Training and Employment Program Requests for Training Grant Proposals."

The Notice of STEP Training Grant Proposals and Form can be downloaded and completed to submit a request for STEP funding in accordance with the instructions included in the Notice of STEP TGP document. If selected for a potential award applicants will be requested to complete an Additional Information Form. A sample of the Additional Information Form is available on the STEP Public Notice website. It is recommended that applicants utilize this form as a guide for structuring the content of their initial proposal.

For more information, email dbp.grants@alaska.gov with "STEP" in the subject line.

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