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## Labor Accepting Applications for Denali Training Fund, Youth Program Grants

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's <u>Division of</u> <u>Business Partnerships</u>, in partnership with the Denali Commission, is accepting applications for <u>Denali</u> <u>Training Fund</u> and Youth Program grants.

Job training is at the center of the <u>Denali Commission</u>'s comprehensive plan for economic growth in Alaska. The commission funds projects in rural Alaska for new clinics, roads and tank farms.

"The Denali Training Fund ensures rural Alaska residents have the skills necessary to become employed on the construction, operations and maintenance of Denali Commission and other public infrastructure projects," Business Partnerships Director Corine Geldhof said.

Although there is no minimum or maximum amount for applications, grant amounts may be affected by available funding. Funding requests must be reasonable, practical and justifiable. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 29.

The Denali Training Fund Youth Program provides opportunities for rural youth ages 16-24 to develop and practice job training skills to enter the Alaska workforce. Funding is limited to \$200,000 per application. Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding with other sources. The youth application deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 15.

Eligible entities are any non-profit or for profit organization, business or government agency with the capacity to provide or facilitate training. Funding is not directly available to individuals.

The Request for Grant Applications, the Grant Application, budget forms and samples can be downloaded online at <u>http://www.Alaska.Gov</u>. Choose *Notices*, click on *By Dept*, click on *Labor and Workforce Development*, click on *Grants*.

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