

2012 Alaska Crew and Cast Advancement Program (AKCCAP) Report Overview

Legislative appropriations outlined in the capital budget, in the amount of \$486,000, were made available to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB), to offer, in cooperation with the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), competitive grants for training Alaskans and establishing Alaska workforce development programs in the film and television industry for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015. Additionally, these funds may be used for Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for Alaskans seeking specialized training in the Alaska film and television industry.

Through the 2012 Alaska Crew and Cast Advancement Program (AKCCAP) the AWIB is seeking projects that provide career and technical education that will adapt to emerging demands and opportunities in the film and television industry, and will prepare Alaskans for success in the industry. These funds are not intended to support ongoing operations, or to invest in resources (e.g. equipment) that will also be used in projects outside of training programs. The AWIB may make individual grants under this program in an amount not to exceed:

- \$30,000 for Program Development (including facility rentals).
- \$10,000 for curriculum materials that are recognized by the film/TV industry.

Funding not awarded directly through this competitive grant process, may be made available to individual Alaskans through ITAs. ITAs may be used to cover participation in the training programs identified through this competitive grant process. ITAs may only be spent inside the State of Alaska by Alaskan residents. Organizations not receiving these AKCCAP competitive grants may be included as training providers for purposes of ITAs but must be certified through the Alaska Film Office.

Grant applications will go through a review committee that will consist of AWIB members and DCCED staff. The recommendations from the Application Review Committee will be submitted to the commissioners of DOLWD and DCCED for review and final approval.

Subject to application review and the Commissioners' approval, awards are expected to be announced in late-February 2012. Final awards will be dependent upon negotiations of identified revisions to budget and/or documented activities.