

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB)
FY13 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Grant Program
INITIAL REPORT**

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Background

The Alaska Career and Technical Education (CTE) Plan, a joint effort of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), Department of Education & Early Development (EED), and the University of Alaska (UA) system, was finalized in August 2010. The legislature appropriated \$625,000 to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) for implementation of the state CTE Plan in FY2012 and again in FY2013.

The majority of these funds are distributed through a competitive grant process available to public school districts, postsecondary institutions, and non-profit educational agencies. The purpose of the grants is to enhance existing CTE programs or develop new ones, and grantees are required to align their projects with the CTE plan and to implement Personal Learning and Career Plans (PLCPs), which is a key component of the CTE plan.

In FY12, fourteen projects were funded, totaling approximately \$535,000. In FY13, seven projects have been approved for funding as of October 1, 2012, totaling approximately \$334,000. The Request for Proposal (RFP) period has been extended to October 26, 2012. This extension allows for additional applications to be submitted in order to fully utilize the FY13 CTE grant funds.

The initial seven projects that have been approved for FY13 are summarized below, followed by the estimated timeline for the FY13 RFP extension. Please note dollar amounts are rounded.

FY13 AWIB CTE Grants Awarded October 1, 2012

① AVTEC – Alaska’s Institute of Technology - \$27K

- Upgrade Structural Welding program
- Purchase Submerged-Arc Welding (SAW) system and train instructor in its use
- Update welding curriculum to include SAW training and certifications

② Copper River School District - \$32K

- Expand implementation of Personal Learning and Career Planning (PLCP) from grades 6 – 12; emphasis on parent involvement and training for all middle and high school staff
- Implement IC³ Program (Internet and Computing Core Certification), an industry-validated, standards-based training and certification program for computing and Internet knowledge and skills
- Provide IC³ testing and certification for high school, postsecondary, and adults (partnership with Job Center and Prince William Sound Community College)

③ Hiland Mountain Correctional Center - \$55K

- Implement new construction-related CTE programs for incarcerated women to prepare them for re-entry into the workforce in high-skill, high-wage, high-demand jobs
- Develop programs in Electrical, Forklift Training, and First Aid/CPR
- Participants may earn industry certifications and college credit

<p>④ Kodiak College (University of Alaska) - \$55K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new scheduling model for construction skills training – 15-week intensive session • Provide training in accelerated timeframe for Basic and Intermediate Carpentry and Building Energy Efficiency and Weatherization; participants will be eligible to earn industry certifications (NCCER Carpentry and Weatherization) • Target underserved populations (Alaska Natives, high school dropouts, students with disabilities, service-disabled veterans, and women)
<p>⑤ Lower Yukon School District - \$56K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement the Community Public Safety and Service Training Program in all 10 village school sites • Provide students with foundational knowledge/skills to pursue further coursework in law enforcement, firefighting, healthcare, and social services pathways • Partner with public agencies (Alaska State Troopers, Kuskokwim Campus, Tundra Women’s Coalition, Civil Air Patrol, Rural Fire Protection, Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Game, and Alaska Highway Safety Office) to provide onsite training at each of the 10 village schools
<p>⑥ Northwest Arctic Borough School District - \$60K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement career pathway training in Process Technology, Arctic Resource Management, Transportation, and Health Sciences • Implement the district-wide distance-delivery system to provide consistent and equitable CTE training to all students in all villages, even those without CTE teachers
<p>⑦ University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Rural Health - \$52K</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Health Sciences Program of Study in Galena and Tok • Implement Health Sciences Program of Study in Nenana and Delta-Greely School Districts • Align the secondary programs to post-secondary programs and credit

FY13 CTE RFP Extension

An RFP Extension was issued October 2, 2012 to allow for additional grant applications.

Timeline for FY13 CTE RFP Extension

Application packet issued.	October 2, 2012
Question and Answer audio-conference.	October 11, 2012
Technical Assistance Period.	October 5 – October 19, 2012
Application Due	October 26, 2012
Application review and approval.	November 1 – 9, 2012
(Review Committee and Commissioners of Labor and Workforce Development and Education & Early Development)	
Application negotiation.	November 12 – 20, 2012
Notice of Intent to Award.	November 23, 2012
Grant Period.	November 23, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Complete information on the RFP Extension is posted on the AWIB CTE webpage at

<http://www.labor.state.ak.us/awib/cte.htm>