

Alaska Career and Technical Education (CTE) Plan

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Action Committee

On April 26, 2013, nine members of the CTE Plan Action Committee met to review CTE Plan activities to date and to recommend future priorities for implementing the plan's strategies. This group has been active beginning with the development of the CTE Plan in 2010.

The committee members represented business/industry, secondary and postsecondary education, school counseling, Native Alaskans, adult education, and workforce development. AWIB member Pearl Strub and Executive Director Jeff Selvey represented the AWIB. In addition, CTE staff from the Department of Education & Early Development (EED), University of Alaska (UA), and the AWIB participated in the meeting, including AWIB members Helen Mehrkens and Fred Villa.

The following items were recommended by the Action Committee as priorities for continued implementation of the CTE Plan strategies:

- Strategy 1.2 – Develop an awareness campaign about the use of PLCPs for secondary and postsecondary education, parents, industry, and adult job-seekers.
- Strategy 1.3 – Coordinate program development and delivery among training programs to reduce duplication of effort and the need for remediation.
- Strategy 3.2 – Develop Criteria to evaluation career and technical education programs.
- Strategy 4.1 – Develop strategies to educate, recruit, and retain quality CTE teachers, faculty, counselors, and advisors – beginning with the identification of faculty shortages by career area at all levels of CTE instruction.
- Strategy 5.4 b – Identify barriers to the joint use of facilities such as liability and teacher credentialing issues and develop standardized procedures for dealing with these barriers.

The CTE Plan partner agencies – UA, EED, and AWIB – are currently identifying activities to address these priority items over the next year.

AWIB CTE Plan Implementation Grant Program

The FY13 grant year is rapidly coming to a close. The 14 grantees (secondary and postsecondary) are using this state CTE funding to improve their current CTE programs or to develop new ones. Career clusters represented by the current year grant programs include Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Health Science; Hospitality & Tourism; Manufacturing; and Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. The AWIB will receive a final report after the close of the grant year on June 30, 2013.

The FY14 Request for Proposals generated over 20 applications, which were reviewed by an AWIB Review Committee. These grant awards, which will run from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, will be announced after review and approval by Commissioner Blumer.