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Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Alaska Laborers Training Trust Federal Tax ID: 92-6003589

Project Title: Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Alaska Laborers Construction Industry Training Fund - Training Facility Site Work and Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$3,896,363 House District: Mat-Su Areawide (7-11)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Assist the Training Trust with the various costs for site-work and to furnish the new training facility

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$14,100,000
Funding Already Secured: (\$10,203,637)
FY2014 State Funding Request: (\$3,896,363)
Project Deficit: \$0

Funding Details:

FY12 State of Alaska Appropriation \$4,000,000 FY13 State of Alaska Appropriation \$2,000,000 Alaska Laborers Training Trust \$4,203,637

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Alaska Laborers' Training Facility

Site-Work and Furnishings FY14 Appropriation Request

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Alaska Laborers' Training Facility
Site-Work and Furnishings FY14 Appropriations Request

Furnishings & Equipment Estimated Costs Furnishings\$ 292,285 Kitchen, Fitness, & Laundry\$ 351,497 Workshop Equipment\$ 346,289 Information Technology\$ 376,272 Elevator\$ 65,000 Bridge Crane and Installation\$ 623,500 Sub-total\$ 2,054,843

Site-Work Estimated Costs

Drilling & Blasting, Retention systems,
Paving, & Landscaping\$ 1,184,143

Waste & Water System\$ 327,679

Fence & Cantilever Gate\$ 89,500

Contingency @ 15%\$ 240,198

Sub-total\$ 1,841,520

Total Funding Requested (FY14)

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LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

ALASKA LABORERS' TRAINING FACILITY



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Concept Design - Proposed Training Facility

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Total Funding Requested (FY14)		
to Complete Chugiak Facility	\$	3,896,363
Alaska Laborers Capital Projects Investment (2012-2014):		
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Fairbanks Training Facility		6,000,000
Total	\$	20,100,000
Funding Received:		
Alaska Laborers' Training School	\$	(10,203,637)
State of Alaska Appropriation	\$	(6,000,000)
Total	\$	(16,203,637)

Remaining Funding Needed to Complete Chugiak Facility \$ 3,896,363









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February 1, 2013

Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Legislator:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of Alaska, a construction trade association of over 660 business members, representing the majority of the construction industry in Alaska, I support the capital funding request for the Alaska Laborers training center.

The AGC of Alaska and the Alaska Laborers have worked together for more than 60 years. We may sit across the table every few years in contract negotiations; we also partner to help provide the best training for construction workers. The Board of Trustees to the Training Trust consists of directors from both labor and management. Financial support to provide the training is part of our negotiated wage package.

Training for the construction worker of today is much more complicated than past. Safety standards for workers and the general public require regular an ever more detailed level of training. Today's complicated regulatory requirements result in a variety of technical certifications for workers and continuing education to keep legal and current. Because of all the new requirements, construction has become a profession, not a job.

With your support, the new Alaska Laborers' training facility will be capable of providing state-of-the-art training to not only today's workforce, but to future generations as well. This directly impacts Alaska's ability to continue positive economic growth by expanding our infrastructure while utilizing Alaskan hire.

Thank you for your service to the people of Alaska and your consideration of this capital funding request.

Sincerely,

John MacKinnon
Executive Director

Associated General Contractors of Alaska



February 1, 2013

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF THE FY2014 FUNDING REQUEST BY THE ALASKA LABORERS' TRAINING SCHOOL TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY SITE-WORK AND TO FURNISH THEIR NEW TRAINING FACILITY

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of ASRC Energy Services — Houston Contracting Company, Inc. ("AES HCC"), in support of the funding request by the Alaska Laborers' Training School to perform the necessary sitework and to furnish their new training facility. AES HCC and the Alaska Laborers have been outstanding partners in the safe development of our natural resources for many years. It is because of the Alaska Laborers' Training School that our employees and shareholders have experienced great success working in this industry.

In order for the training facility to continue to succeed, it must be adequately equipped to adapt to the evolution of technology. The Trans Alaska Pipeline and the Valdez Marine Terminal are primary examples of technology's evolutionary process. Many of the certifications required to work on or around the pipeline are constantly being conformed to suit a safer and more effective workforce. The Alaska Laborers' Training School needs to do the same.

With your help, the facility can prepare for the future, which is why state funding is essential for improving the Laborers' Training School. The School is operated by the Alaska Laborers' Training Trust, which is managed by a board consisting of both labor and management directors. AES HCC supports the allocation of additional funding in the FY2014 State budget to complete the Alaska Laborers' Training School.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and wish you a productive legislative session.

Sincerely,

Wade Blasingame

President and General Manager

ASR C Energy Services -Houston Contracting Company, Inc.

3900 C Street, Suite 602 Anchorage, AK 99503



Thomas J. Barrett President

January 31, 2013

Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing to request your support for funding the Alaska Laborers' Training School housing project in the FY2014 state budget. Trained Alaska Laborers are inextricably linked to the safe development and transportation of our natural resources.

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In order to work on or around the pipeline, employees must first complete weeks of classroom training and shop-based instruction. With on-site housing, the students are able to maximize their educational experience and become certified. Many students from the Alaska Laborers Training School graduate and obtain jobs with contracting companies of Alyeska. These contractors are critical partners in Alyeska's mission to safely deliver oil; they also play an important role in helping us meet our commitment to employing 20 percent Alaska Natives, as stated in the Alaska Native Utilization Agreement.

Alyeska supports the funding request to improve the Alaska Laborers' Training School with the addition of on-site housing. I appreciate your consideration of this request and I wish you a productive legislative session.

Sincerely,

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February 1, 2013

Joey Merrick, Business Manager Alaska Laborers Local Union 341 2501 Commercial Drive Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Merrick,

I am writing to express our support of the request by the Alaska Laborers Training Trust for capital project funds to complete the new trade school in Chugiak, Alaska. The Alaska Laborers Training Trust plays a vital part in supplying skilled labor for hundreds of industry employers. Your trust currently trains more than 2,000 individuals a year, making worksites safer and more productive. Your training puts Alaskan residents in good paying jobs and careers.

The new training facility in Chugiak will open up more opportunities for industry training, not only in the Anchorage and Chugiak area, but also for hundreds of workers living in rural and remote communities that will eventually be trained there. Including housing at the training facility will allow people living away from home to have a good environment for learning that leads to earning. Your facility will make things easier, more affordable, and a great place to learn.

Alaska Works Partnership looks forward to working with the Alaska Laborers Training Trust as we develop an Alaskan workforce that can accomplish the work that will need to be done to grow our state and strengthen our economy for the future.

Sincerely,

Mike Andrews Executive Director

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January 30, 2013

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of CIRI and its more than 7,500 Alaska Native shareholders, the Alaska Laborers have our full support in their quest to secure funding for a state of the art training facility. For many years, CIRI and the Alaska Laborers have enjoyed a successful relationship. They have played an important role in training our shareholders to effectively work within the construction industry and develop our states resources.

CIRI shareholders and their families live throughout Alaska, many in rural communities. It is because of this we strongly support and believe a housing facility is an essential component of the new training facility. Having housing available on the campus of the training facility will allow CIRI shareholders and other trainees from communities outside of Anchorage to focus on the tasks, learn the skills and obtain the required certifications without the added stress of transportation while in Anchorage.

The \$3.9 million fund request, with your help and support and the funding already secured by the Alaska Laborers, will enable us train and grow the workforce necessary to expand and strengthen the infrastructure throughout Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration, and please support the Alaska Laborers request for funding.

Sincerely,

Cook Inlet Region, Inc.
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Barbara Donatelli Senior Vice President GENERAL CONTRACTORS

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February 1, 2013

Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for the Alaska Laborers New Training Facility

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

Cornerstone General Contractors is in complete support of the Alaska Laborers efforts to build a new Training Facility in Chugiak, Alaska. Cornerstone General Contractors has worked with the Alaska Laborers for years as we continue to build and improve some of Alaska's most important facilities across the state.

The Alaska Laborers Training Trust is known for their quality of training and instruction. They teach many skills from safety instruction to ways to improve productivity on a project site. The Laborers put trained members to work in high-skill, high paying jobs and in good careers that include health care and retirement benefits.

This project, along with your support, will result in a modern industry training school to support Alaska businesses and workers in the future, leading to more jobs for Alaska contractors and residents. Because it will be owned and operated by the Trust, the facility will be sustained for many years to come without continued public funding.

Again, Cornerstone General Contractors is in complete support for this project and the necessary funding to complete it.

Sincerely,

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Vice President



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February 1, 2013

Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature,

Cruz Construction supports the funding request by the Alaska Laborers for their new training facility in Chugiak, Alaska. A new facility is vital for the continued success of our operations. Alaska's construction market is extremely competitive and the training school helps us maintain an advantage by providing a highly-training workforce.

The Alaska Laborers Training School has a reputation of being able to place students in employment opportunities. It comes as no surprise to learn that over 94% of the school's participants become employed upon completion of the program. Cruz Construction utilizes the Alaska Laborers to employ these Laborers to perform work ranging from building roads to drilling and blasting. Our company performs specialized tasks on a day-to-day basis and the Alaska Laborers' Training School has always been there for us when we required a specific skill to be taught.

Cruz Construction hopes you support this project and approve the necessary funding to complete it.

Sincerely,

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IIK TRIBAL COUNCIL

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January 31, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

Knik Tribal Council is a federally recognized Tribal entity tasked with creating opportunities and support for Alaska Native and American Indians who reside in our Community. Our Community is the size of Virginia and is the largest Tribal Management area in the State of Alaska. Due to the high cost of living in rural Alaska, many Village residents are migrating to our Service area; in our most recent Labor Force Report we determined there are around ten-thousand Alaska Native/American Indians...about 10% of the Valley's total population! Our people are our greatest resource and as such Knik Tribal Council has a responsibility to look for ways to develop that resource.

On behalf of over 1,700 Tribal Members and another 8,000 other eligible Alaska Native and American Indian participants, Knik Tribal Council strongly supports the FY14 funding request of the Alaska Laborers' Training School to perform the site-work and to furnish as well as equip their new training facility. Because of the Alaska Laborers Training program, our tribal Members and eligible participants have the ability to not only work, but to also succeed in a rewarding career that betters their lives as well as the lives of their families, and our Community.



The Knik Tribal Council believes that the future of our great State depends on having a workforce that is ready and able to meet the challenges ahead, whether it's the construction of a new gas pipeline or to rebuild our State's aging infrastructure. In order to take advantage of these valuable training opportunities it is essential that the Alaska Laborers Training facility is equipped with the proper tools and infrastructure to be successful.



We believe the funding request for the Alaska Laborers' Training School is important for the continued growth of a highly-skilled construction workforce, and therefore is worthy of your support.



Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns,



Sincerely,



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February 1, 2013

Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of the Alaska construction industry, Pruhs Construction Co. LLC (Pruhs) strongly supports the funding request of the Alaska Laborers' Training School for the completion of their Training Facility. Pruhs and the Alaska Laborers have enjoyed a strong and successful relationship over the years working to build Alaska. Thousands of Alaskans have received valuable skills through Laborers training program, allowing them to effectively work in the construction industry and better the lives of themselves and their families.

Pruhs believes that the future of our State depends on having a workforce that is ready and able to meet the challenges ahead, whether it's the construction of a new gas pipeline or to rebuild our State's aging infrastructure. The Alaska Laborers' Training School has been a leader in workforce training for many years, and with the new 43,000 square foot facility, which will include classroom and administrative space, shop space, and dormitory housing, the Alaska Laborers Training School will be prepared to meet critical demands ahead for a skilled Alaskan workforce.

This funding request will assist the Alaska Laborers' Training School with completion of site work, as well as assist in furnishing the facility. The facility will be located on bedrock terrain in Chugiak, which will require extensive site work, including drilling and blasting work. Further, with a projected capacity of well over 100 students, in addition to administrative personnel, the facility will require a significant amount of office, education, and bedroom furnishings.

We urge you to support the funding request of the Alaska Laborers' Training School to ensure a highly-trained and safe Alaska construction workforce now and for our future.

Sincerely,

Dana Pruhs

Pruhs Construction Co., LLC



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Re: Alaska Laborers' Training School

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) is writing to urge your support of the Alaska Laborers' Training Facility in Anchorage.

RDC's membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism, and fisheries industries, as well as Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to link these diverse interests together to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

While RDC understands and supports the need for fiscal constraint and knows there are some difficult choices before the Legislature, we support this project because it is core to the government's mission and supports workforce development, which benefits the Alaskan economy.

Approximately 60 percent of the funding needed to proceed with the vital housing component of the training facility is already secured. The project would greatly enhance the Alaska Laborers' Training School, which since 2006 has certified an average of 2,671 skills annually. Many RDC members, including Alaska Native corporations, have had a productive and beneficial relationship with the school. The school provides high quality job training and skill certifications for Alaskans.

A suitable housing facility is essential to the training process. The facility would provide housing to those Alaskans traveling from remote villages and rural areas outside the Municipality of Anchorage. Many of the certifications required to work on major oil and gas, energy, and mining projects require weeks of class and shop time. With onsite housing, students can maximize their education experience.

As you know, Alaska has immense natural resources, and a number of large projects in our resource sectors offer the potential of new jobs and a bright future for our state. However, key to the responsible development of Alaska's resources and the success of important projects benefitting the economy is a skilled workforce. The improved training center with onsite housing would grow the number of qualified workers from sectors ranging from health care to construction and benefit contractors throughout the state.

RDC believes the proposed training center with onsite housing is a win-win for Alaskans seeking skilled training in sectors that will help grow Alaska's economy. We encourage your support.

Sincerely,

Carl Portman
Deputy Director

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CONGRESSMAN FOR ALL ALASKA WASHINGTON OFFICE:

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

February 5, 2013

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

> REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Dear Senator Meyer:

Senator Kevin Meyer Alaska State Senate State Capitol, Room 518 Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Alaska Laborers' Training Trust Fund and the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 341, have my full support with their request for FY2014 funds to finish facilities for their new training school in Anchorage. As you may be aware, they have submitted a \$3.9 million capital budget request.

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Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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> REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Dear Representative Stoltze:

Representative Bill Stoltze

State Capitol, Room 515 Juneau, Alaska 99801

Alaska State House of Representatives

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Member of Congress

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February 5, 2013

Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Legislator

As one of the largest general contractors owned by Alaskans and building in Alaska, Davis Constructors and Engineers, Inc. requests your support for capital funding for the Laborer's new training center in Anchorage.

In our business, we rely heavily on the trade unions to provide a labor-ready workforce. The Laborers have done a great job with their training programs to date, but are working with an old building that's been remodeled numerous times and no longer effectively serves our mutual purposes.

The proposed Alaska Laborers' training facility will have enough room for practical training, whereas the old building is suitable only for classroom-style learning. Since Laborers' work is hands on and physical, the need for applied learning is self-evident. Also, the new building is proposed to provide housing for up to 24 trainees at a time who come to Anchorage from other areas in the state. We believe that everybody in our great state benefits when good job opportunities are made available to those living far from our big cities.

With your assistance, Alaska Laborers will continue to contribute effectively and safely to our economy and we can all be assured that this segment of our qualified workforce will be there when we need it.

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Sincerely

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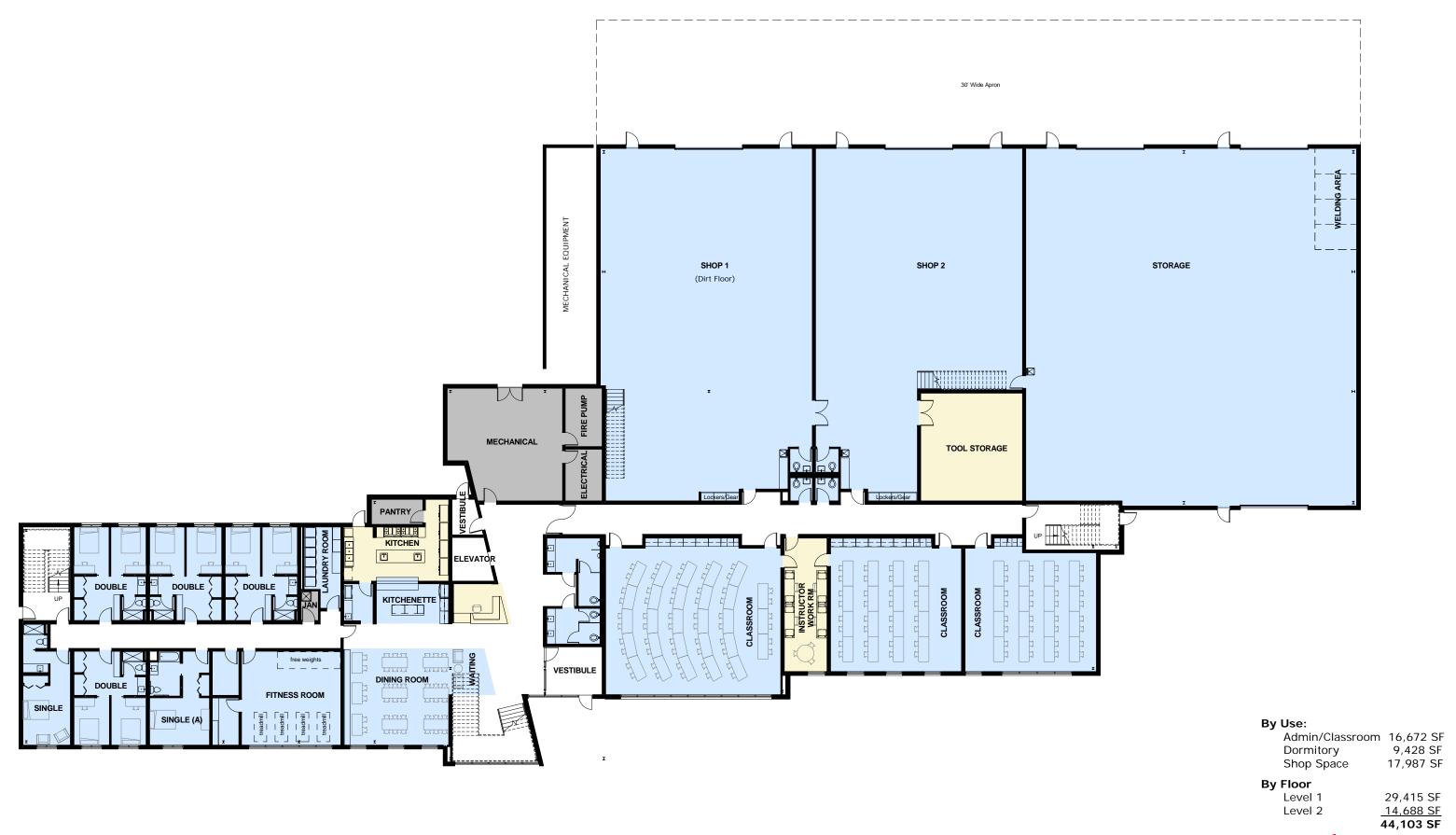
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