

**AP/AL:** Appropriation **Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling  
**Category:** University  
**Location:** Fairbanks Areawide **Contact:** Pat Pitney  
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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2004

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project is a shared needs/shared costs partnership between the Tanana Valley Campus (TVC) and the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) to expand and renovate the Hutchison Career Center to meet the growing demand for vocational/technical education.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2001</b>	<b>FY2002</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>Total</b>
AIDEA Div	\$3,500,000						\$3,500,000
Empl Trng	\$252,365						\$252,365
Gen Fund	\$1,247,635						\$1,247,635
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

SLA1998, Ch 139, Pg 122 1,600,000 AHFC, Hutchison Career Center; SLA 1999, Ch 2, Pg 78, UAF-Tanana Valley College/Hutchison Career Center Renovation 3,000,000 AIDEA Receipts (Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority Receipts)

**Project Description/Justification:**

Since 1972, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Tanana Valley Campus, have operated Hutchison Career Center (HCC) for secondary and post-secondary vocational/technical education. HCC was created as a comprehensive vocational/technical training center for both youth and adults in the interior region of Alaska to prepare them for existing and emerging jobs in Alaska. During the past five years, there has been a steady increase in the number of high school students and adults enrolling in vocational/technical training courses.

The HCC building is approximately 25 years old and most of the mechanical and electrical systems have reached the end of their useful life. Additionally, the needs of the vocational-technical education programs offered today can not always be met by this facility. In addition to building system replacements, many of the space configurations must be revised to meet the technology-rich programs that are offered. Most importantly, the growing demand for vocational/technical education means that the Hutchison Career Center desperately needs to be expanded.

TVC and the FNSBSD Vocational/Technical Education Advisory Council have been planning an upgraded and expanded Hutchison Career Center for the past two years. The vision of the anticipated renovation and expansion to HCC in order to provide the vocational/technical program of the next century is described in the following paragraphs.

The Interior Region Vocational-Technical Center at Hutchison Career Center will offer advanced and specialized vocational/technical training for Alaskans throughout the Interior. An innovative partnership between the FNSBSD and

TVC will coordinate programs that allow students to start their technical training in high school and in one or two years finish with a certificate or associates degree. Convenient student housing at UAF will allow adults from rural areas to take advantage of TVC classes year round, and provide rural high school students access to training during the summer months.

The vocational technical programs that are to be offered at HCC are those that industry and businesses currently need, or are anticipated to need in the future. The classes are designed based on industry standards and, in some cases, are taught by industry representatives. Programs use the same equipment, technology and methods found in local businesses.

It takes strong academic skills to work in this era of technology. To this end, the Center will offer academic courses in math, science and English. These courses will use an applied approach where the academics taught are directly related to situations students will encounter in the workplace.

The Center will also serve the very real needs of people involved in the Welfare to Work programs. Short term, compressed training to obtain and perform a job will be available for people who need work and need it now.

An appropriation of capital funds will be used for structural, mechanical, and electrical upgrades (including ADA requirements) to bring the facility to a level necessary for modern technical and advanced vocational programs. Additional space will be constructed as needed for the auto shop, multiple-use shops, culinary arts classes, and one additional classroom. These funds will also be used to purchase and install badly needed technology equipment.

The University of Alaska Board of Regents granted approval for this project in August 1998 after the initial receipt of \$1.6 million. In FY00 UAF received an additional appropriation of \$3.0 million. The FY01 capital request of \$5.0 million represents the remaining portion of UA's contribution to this project. A bond issue is planned for the FNSBSD portion.

It is anticipated that the planning and design phase of this project will be completed by February 2000, with construction documents completed by late 2000. Contingent upon funding, construction could be completed as early as fall of 2002. The final schedule will also depend upon educational specification approval from the State Department of Education.