

Employment Service Statewide Equipment Replacement**FY2004 Request:****\$500,000****Reference No:****37677****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Information Systems**Category:** Development**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Ted Burke**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2712**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2006**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The purpose of these federal funds are to purchase much needed equipment for 22 statewide Employment Service Job Center offices. The equipment is for the general public and ES staff and the list includes computers, printers, copiers and fax machines. Most of the equipment is used by the public for finding a job and the existing equipment is outdated and slow. Purchasing this equipment will benefit employers, job seekers and ES staff. Employment Service operating programs have been flat funded for nine years and cannot afford this new equipment for the public service job centers. This request uses a portion of the \$14.8 million in Reed Act monies deposited in Alaska's UI Trust Fund account in March 2002.

Funding:	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

The public equipment in the One Stop Job Centers was replaced with a prior one-time only federal grant in 1997 and 1998.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this funding request is to purchase much needed equipment for Employment Service staff and public resource rooms across the state. The funding will be used to purchase PC's, copiers, printers, and fax machines for 23 job centers and technical support staff. Much of the existing equipment in these locations is outdated and uses slow technology. Replacing the equipment will resolve incompatibility issues and bring us up to date with functional technology to better serve employers and job seekers throughout the state. The PC's will be replaced over a three-year schedule with the oldest machines being replaced the first year.

Approximately \$79,517 for the copiers are considered equipment, since the per unit cost is over \$5,000. The remaining amount of the request (\$420,483) is considered supplies, since each individual item is under \$5,000.

PC's (273 x \$1,443/each)	\$393,939.
Copiers (7 x \$6,525-\$14,612/each)	79,517.
Printers (14 x \$450-\$2,748/each)	16,044.
Fax Machines (7 x \$1,500/each)	10,500.
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$500,000.</u>

Upgrading equipment will enable resource room customers and ES staff to better use available technologies to quickly connect qualified job seekers to employers' job openings, and enable job seekers to improve job search skills such as resume writing and gain proficiency using office software.

This project will bring ES staff and resource room customers up to the same level as most other one-stop partners.

No additional bandwidth is required. The project will enable us to incorporate equipment replacement schedules into the flat funded operating budget.

If the project is not approved, customers and staff will have to continue to use outdated equipment.