State of Alaska
FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Assistive Technology
Component Budget Summary

Component: Assistive Technology

Contribution to Department's Mission

This component contributes to the department's mission by providing a comprehensive statewide program of technology related assistance for individuals with disabilities.

Core Services

This component provides for a system to assist persons with disabilities of all ages to live more independently through the use of assistive technology.

The component provides for the development, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive service delivery system whereby persons with disabilities residing in all areas of the state will be able to access assistive technology services and/or devices. For this program to be successful, public, private-for-profit and non-profit agencies and providers must come together to provide services/devices and reduce duplication and delays.

Assistive Technology services include;
- Contracted services to assist division staff in researching and evaluating assistive technology for consumers.
- Public Awareness, Outreach and Training - training to governmental agencies, private businesses, community organizations and employers concerning the use of assistive technology by individuals to promote personal independence and employment.
- Low Interest Loan Program – Guaranteed low interest loans to individuals with disabilities, administered by the division in cooperation with Northrim Bank in Alaska, for purchase of assistive technology.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2007 Component Budget: $546,000	**Personnel:**	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

The Assistive Technology Act of 2004 was signed into law by President Bush on October 25, 2004.   The Division is responsible for interpreting changes in the law as it may apply to the Alaska Assistive Technology program and implementing these changes through the development of a State Plan for Assistive Technology Services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

The Assistive Technology Act of 2004 changed the federal Assistive Technology federal grant from a discretionary grant to a formula grant. The change required the division to develop a comprehensive statewide state plan for assistive technology. The new state plan will require the division to set measurable goals and address state assistive technology leadership issues.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

During the last year training and technical assistance was provided to staff at the Sitka, Kenai, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Wasilla Job Centers. Staff became more aware of the need and methods of making workstations accessible to people with disabilities.

Began an outreach effort to Job Centers in rural locations to assess their assistive technology needs.

Community services were expanded which made accessible computer workstations and other technologies available to parents who have children with severe disabilities. Assistive technology demonstration sites were established at independent living centers. This has enabled greater access to, and knowledge about, assistive technology by individuals with significant disabilities.

A significant increase in the numbers of senior citizens requesting services was experienced. The seniors received assistance in determining what technology could help them improve their hearing and/or vision. Grant funds made possible the delivery, installation, training and technical support on all devices and software that were purchased.

Through assistance from the Assistive Technology Library of Alaska stronger linkages have been established with employers throughout Alaska. This past year 18 employers were provided demonstration and hands-on use of specific technology needed by their employees. Accommodations for vision, reading and writing were requested from employers and various accommodations and possible solutions were researched and provided.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Federal Authority:
PL 100-407   Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with
                                              Disabilities Act

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Assistive Technology
Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	52.1
72000 Travel	0.0	5.0	5.0
73000 Services	2.4	36.3	36.3
74000 Commodities	21.8	33.6	33.6
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	410.3	471.1	419.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	**434.5**	**546.0**	**546.0**
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	338.5	450.0	450.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	96.0	96.0	96.0
Funding Totals	**434.5**	**546.0**	**546.0**

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	338.5	450.0	450.0
Interagency Receipts	51015	96.0	96.0	96.0
Restricted Total		**434.5**	**546.0**	**546.0**
Total Estimated Revenues		**434.5**	**546.0**	**546.0**

Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor

All dollars shown in thousands

	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
FY2006 Management Plan	0.0	450.0	96.0	546.0
FY2007 Governor	0.0	450.0	96.0	546.0

Assistive Technology
Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2006 Management Plan	**FY2007 Governor**	Annual Salaries	34,151
Full-time	0	0	COLA	927
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	17,278
			Less 0.49% Vacancy Factor	(256)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**Total Personal Services**	**52,100**

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
No personal services.					
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**