

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Ilisagvik College

Federal Tax ID:

Project Title:

Project Type: Equipment and Materials

Ilisagvik College - Ilisagvik Heavy Equipment

State Funding Requested: \$250,000
One-Time Need

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Brief Project Description:

Purchase a truck and trailer to train residents for the CDL heavy equipment operator program at the college.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$250,000

| | <u>Funding Secured</u> | | <u>Other Pending Requests</u> | | <u>Anticipated Future Need</u> | |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| | <i>Amount</i> | <i>FY</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>FY</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>FY</i> |
| Rasmuson Foundation | | | | | \$25,000 | 2010 |
| Total | | | | | <u>\$25,000</u> | |

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Ilisagvik College is the only accredited public institution within the boundaries of the Arctic Slope. It is one of the premier training institutions around the state. The requested funds will be used to purchase a truck and trailer to train students in the CDL heavy equipment operator's program. This is a much needed piece of heavy equipment for the heavy equipment operator program at the college. With the upcoming construction of the natural gas pipeline project, Ilisagvik College is preparing for additional workforce development courses and programs to prepare residents for the workforce. The college works with the university system to insure that there is no duplication of services. With the upcoming construction of the pipeline, Ilisagvik College would like to be considered as one of the state's leading training agencies. Improving and expanding an already existing and proven training program to meet the growing training needs of the state makes the most sense. Operators of heavy equipment will be in high demand when pipeline construction begins. Last year the college educated 1,100 students from around the state and even across the nation. Each year the college trains hundreds of students who are directly employable in the North Slope Oil fields. This additional piece of heavy equipment will help us meet the demands of the workforce and the future work needs of the state.

Project Timeline:

Order in the spring with delivery in the late summer.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Ilisagvik College

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

\$250,000
Approved

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Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

February 4, 2010

Representative Joule
House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Joule:

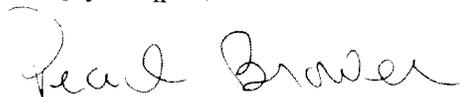
Greetings from Barrow! As the only accredited, Alaska Native controlled, public institution in Alaska, and the only college located within the boundaries of the Arctic Slope, Ilisagvik College is one of the premier training institutions around the state. We have open enrollment and any individual who wants to attend Ilisagvik is welcome. Every program we offer at the college not only models our Iñupiat traditions, values, and culture, but also has substantial career and employment opportunities in the Arctic as well as elsewhere in Alaska. We serve students at our campus in Barrow as well as all seven of the other North Slope villages via distance delivery and have students attending classes from across the nation. We are proud to say that our enrollment numbers are at record high levels as we educated over 1,200 students last school year.

With the upcoming construction of the natural gas pipeline project, Ilisagvik College is preparing for additional workforce development courses and programs to prepare residents for the workforce. We have heard discussion that a new training facility may be needed to address the need for qualified Alaskan residents to work on the new gasline project. Ilisagvik College already addresses these needs, has the curriculum, and can provide this training. We currently receive no state support for any of our workforce development programs however we train hundreds of residents each year who are directly employable in the North Slope oil fields.

We are requesting support in the amount of \$250,000 to increase our training capabilities. These funds will be used to purchase a truck and trailer to train residents to obtain a CDL as well as a Driver's Education vehicle. Both of these are much needed vehicles in our workforce development program at Ilisagvik. CDLs and Driver's licenses are two major barriers to employment on the North Slope. With state support to purchase both of these vehicles we can train more residents for the workforce.

We appreciate your consideration in supporting the expansion of our Workforce Development Programs in response to the many construction and industry needs on the North Slope. Studies show that 70% of our residents do not want to leave their home region to obtain training, so offering these courses so close to home is an important part of what we do for our rural residents and for rural sustainability. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My direct line is 907-852-1833 and email is pearl.brower@ilisagvik.cc.

Quyanaqpak, Thank-You.



Pearl K. Brower
Director
External Relations & Development

Ilisagvik College—Barrow

Training Program Performance Indicators for Participants Exiting in FY 2008

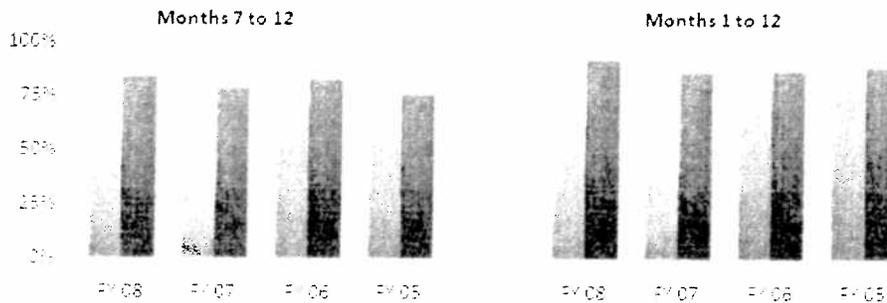
| | Months 1 to 12 After Training | Months 7 to 12 After Training |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Training Participants | 887 | 887 |
| Alaska 2008 PFD Applicants | 805 | 805 |
| Employment Indicators: | | |
| Alaska Wage and Salary Employed | 818 | 744 |
| Percent with Alaska Wage and Salary Employment | 92.2 | 83.9 |
| Percent of Workers Employed in Related Occupations | 30.4 | 25.6 |
| Department of Defense or OPM Employed | 4 | 4 |
| Total number employed in Alaska, Department of Defense or OPM ¹ | 819 | 745 |
| Percent Employed in Alaska, Federal Government or OPM ¹ | 92.3 | 84.0 |
| Unemployment Insurance Claimants in 2008 | 69 | 56 |
| Alaska 2008 Occupational License Holders | 13 | 13 |
| Commercial Crew Fishing License 2008 | 2 | 2 |
| Earnings: | | |
| Median Total Earnings | \$40,078 | \$22,068 |
| Total Alaska wage and salary earnings after training | \$33,386,717 | \$16,321,091 |
| Total Alaska wage and salary earnings before training | \$13,819,511 | \$6,468,384 |
| Percent change in total earnings after training | 141.6 | 152.3 |
| Total number of Alaska wage and salary quarters worked | 2,844 | 1,379 |
| Average earnings per quarter worked after training | \$11,739 | \$11,835 |
| Average earnings per quarter worked before training | \$8,077 | \$7,917 |
| Continuing Education: | | |
| Continuing Education In Alaska ² | 53 | 53 |
| Continuing Education Outside Alaska ² | 73 | 73 |

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

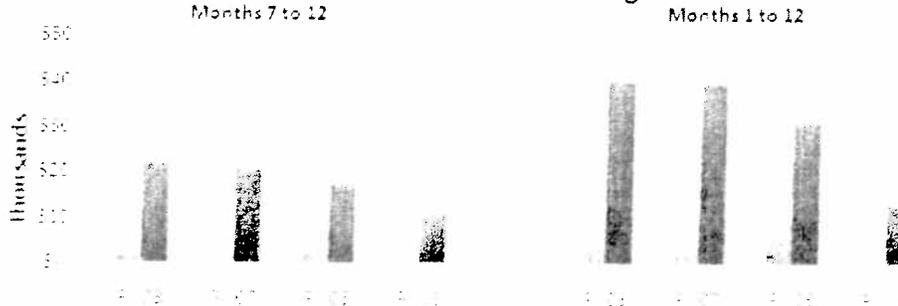
¹Unduplicated count of employed workers

²Postsecondary education as reported by the National Student Clearinghouse.

Percent of Participants Employed



Median Total Earnings



Ilisagvik College—Barrow

Located at the northernmost point of Alaska, Ilisagvik College is a two-year community college offering quality post-secondary academic, vocational, and technical education aimed at matching workforce needs. Ilisagvik College builds skills to match workforce needs by offering a selection of programs: Accounting, Office Administration, Information Technology, Computer Industry Certification, Electrical Trades, Construction Trades, CDL/Heavy Truck Operations, Associate of Applied Science, Business and Management, Associate of Arts, and Industrial Safety. Ilisagvik is an institution dedicated to perpetuating and strengthening Inupiat (Eskimo) culture, language, values, and traditions.

In FY 2008, a total of 887 individuals completed classes at Ilisagvik College.

Performance and Participant Data

- During months 7 through 12 (the third and fourth quarter) following exit from Ilisagvik College, 83.9% of 391 program participants were reported employed in Alaska wage and salary employment.
- The percentage of participants who were employed in the first quarter after exit and retained Alaska employment in the following second and third quarters was 84.2%.
- During the third and fourth quarter following exit, employed workers showed median earnings of \$22,068, marking an increase of 89.6% from the same time period before the workers entered the program.
- Total earnings of program participants increased by 141.6% when comparing the 12 months prior to training to the 12 months following training and average earnings per quarter worked increased by 45.3%. Total Alaska wage and salary earnings in the year following training were approximately \$33.4 million.
- Based upon analysis of post-training UI wage record reported occupations, 25.6% of those employed in the months 1 through 12 after exit from a training program were working in an occupation related to their training.
- Alaska residency was claimed by 90.8% of program participants as measured by filing for the Permanent Fund Dividend in 2008.
- Top industries where program participants were employed in the third quarter following training were educational services, construction, and mining. Top occupations were construction laborers, maintenance and repair workers, and water and liquid waste treatment plant operators.
- Top employers of participants in the third quarter after exit were North Slope Borough, North Slope Borough School, Ilisagvik College, Barrow Utilities, and Arctic Slope Native Association.