

Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Construction and Equipment Purchase

FY2012 Request: \$2,000,000
Reference No: 51795

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Development

Project Type: Workforce Dev
Recipient: Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust

Location: Fairbanks Areawide

House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)

Impact House District: Fairbanks Areawide (HD 7-11)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2013 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-5937

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center (FPTC) is a public/private partnership that prepares Alaskans for work in the high demand oil/gas and construction industries. This project is for a grant to the FPTC to be used in combination with other funds toward constructing and equipping training facilities. Equipment will include classroom and instruction equipment. FPTC supports the department's mission by preparing Alaskans for jobs.

Funding:	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	Total
Gen Fund	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<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:

In FY06 \$1,500.0 GF was provided for pipeline heavy equipment, used for training at the Center. In FY07 \$3,000.0 GF and in FY08 \$2,700.0 GF was provided for construction of the Center. Federal funds were authorized in 2005 by Public Law 108-324 and in FY09 \$3,000.0 GF were provided to continue construction, in addition to the Fairbanks North Star Borough signing a 50-year lease for 40-acres of the field site. In FY11, \$4,000.0 GF was provided to continue construction and acquire equipment.

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 (Gasline Training Strategic Plan Strategy 3.1a)

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This request will increase the student capacity of the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center to train the next generation of pipeline workers for building large diameter cross-country oil and gas pipelines, and train Alaskans for jobs in the cross-trades that exist now to meet the North Slope current and future demand for skilled Alaskan workers.

The campaign to replace aging pipelines in Prudhoe Bay and adjoining fields following corrosion-related leaks, fuels projected need for more skilled pipeline workers. North Slope producers are putting additional efforts toward producing and maintaining old fields, including the giant fields of Prudhoe and Kuparuk. Work is also planned on new North Slope fields, such as BP's Liberty project, Eni's offshore Nikaitchuq field, and the offshore Oooguruk field that Pioneer Natural Resources started up last year.

This employment picture demands the department continue the innovative training strategies identified in the Gasline Training Strategic Plan, developed with business and industry focusing on these high wage, high demand occupations. This request would increase the training capacity of the state by expanding and improving infrastructure at the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center.

Results Anticipated:

This equipment purchase and expansion funding will move the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center closer to being fully operational on a year-round basis, expanding training capacity for additional participants.