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2012 Alaska Youth First Grant Applications Due May 26

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is accepting applications for the Alaska Youth First program that funds projects for youth ages 14 to 24 for career paths that lead to employment in high demand, high wage occupations.

“We know that 80 percent of jobs in Alaska require post-high school training and education and Alaska Youth First programs are the first step in preparing many young Alaskans for future careers,” Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said.

The Alaska Youth First program, funded with state general funds for projects from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, is administered by the department’s Business Partnerships Division.

“These grants are for youth workforce development that leads to on-the-job training, credential attainment, academic development, registered apprenticeships and employment in Alaska’s high wage, high growth industries or postsecondary education,” Business Partnerships Director Corine Geldhof said. “Non-profit or for-profit organizations, school districts, educators, industry trainers, employers and community services agencies with the capacity to facilitate innovative training and to build career awareness should apply.”

Applications, which are due by 5 p.m. ADT on Thursday, May 26, will be accepted through a web-based system known as EGrAMS. A tutorial showing a step-by-step process on how to use EGrAMS is available online at <http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/bp/egram/>. For more information email dbp.grants@alaska.gov with “AYF” in the subject line.

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