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Labor Department Receives \$3.6 Million in Energy Sector Job Training Funds

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development has been awarded a \$3.6 million grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to train 700 workers in the skills required for careers in emerging energy-efficient and renewable energy industries.

“Through a sustainable, strategic workforce plan, we will be able to help workers access good jobs,” Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. “We will focus on serving veterans, people with disabilities, unemployed and under-employed workers, low-income individuals, dislocated workers and out-of-school youth.”

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board, AVTEC-Alaska’s Institute of Technology, Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska AFL-CIO, Denali Commission, University of Alaska, U.S. Office of Apprenticeship and Alaska Works Partnership, Inc. will work together as the Alaska State Energy Sector Partnership to increase the supply of workers with skills to support the energy-efficiency and renewable energy industries, including geothermal, hydroelectric, wind turbine and biomass industries.

Training will include course-related instruction; on-the-job training and customized training with existing federally registered apprenticeship programs and labor management partners; technology-based learning; and distance learning.

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