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Jobs are Alaska's Future



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### **\$1.25 Million Available for Youth Employment and Training Programs**

#### *Grants to be awarded through Workforce Investment Act program.*

(Juneau) – The Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development's Division of Business Partnerships is soliciting proposals to provide employment and training programs for eligible youth ages 14-21 under Title IB of the Workforce Investment Act.

"We want to fund programs that will help prepare Alaska's youth for good jobs, particularly those in the high-growth oil, gas and mining industries," said Commissioner Greg O'Claray. "We want them to be aware of their options and give them every opportunity for careers in Alaska's top fields."

Nonprofit and for-profit organizations, businesses or government agencies are encouraged to apply by July 14, 2006, for the approximately \$1.25 million available statewide. Grants will fund projects for a one-year period, with the potential for renewal based on funding availability, performance and policy.

This youth grant will help implement several strategies in support of Governor Frank Murkowski's "Jobs are Alaska's Future" initiative. Specific goals include:

- Developing access to oil, gas and mineral resources jobs and providing opportunities for high school-age students by increasing their awareness and appreciation of pathways to high-growth jobs and other careers.
- Developing opportunities for youth through paid and unpaid internships, project-based learning opportunities, pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs to engage youth early in career pathways that meet Alaska's work force needs.
- Providing innovative recruitment strategies for the neediest youth populations.

Proposals are due no later than 5 p.m. (Alaska Standard Time) on July 14. Complete application details can be found at [www.state.ak.us](http://www.state.ak.us). Click on "Notices" in the top menu to go to the Online Public Notices page.

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