Effective Feb. 24, 2015, the minimum wage in the state of Alaska was increased from $7.75 per hour to $8.75 per hour. This was the first of two scheduled increases to take place; the second will increase the minimum wage to $9.75 per hour on Jan. 1, 2016.

With the strong work experience focus under WIOA, it’s important to stay abreast of the minimum wage standards. Youth participants should be paid at least the state minimum wage for paid work experience training. Please review your budgets and plan to ensure participant wage rates will meet the minimum wage levels for 2016.