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\$525,000 Available in Grants for Alaska Career and Technical Education

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is accepting applications for Career and Technical Education programs from Alaska school districts, post-secondary institutions and their partners.

“The grants will support local education projects that are aligned with the Alaska Career and Technical Education Plan strategies and priorities,” said Jeff Selvey, CTE coordinator with the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, which administers the state funds. “CTE enhances students’ education by providing rigor and relevance to academic and career preparation.”

The CTE plan is a first-ever, comprehensive plan to help youth and adults obtain meaningful employment in the state. The plan supports a connected system of statewide resources that focuses on both the education and training needs of students, and the workforce needs in the state. It is a unified effort of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and the University of Alaska.

The plan calls for helping current and future workers identify interests, determine career goals, and develop the personal, academic and technical skills and abilities to accomplish those goals. In a world and workplace that is rapidly changing and evolving, successful job seekers need to develop these strategies early and will use them continuously throughout their careers.

Grant applicants must address four areas – develop and implement one of the six CTE plan strategies, address a high priority task identified by the Alaska CTE Plan Action committee, meet a demonstrated need with a lasting benefit and align with other CTE-providing entities.

Competitive grant applications must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Applications are scheduled to be reviewed and approved by Sept. 20 for the 2011-12 school year.

The application guide and packet are posted online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/awib/cte.htm.

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Career and Technical Education Plan

Labor.Alaska.Gov/awib/forms/AK_CTE_Plan_AUG2010.pdf

Alaska Workforce Investment Board

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