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\$625,000 Available in Grants for Alaska Career and Technical Education

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Workforce Investment Board 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 Marcia Olson, AWIB CTE coordinator. “CTE enhances students’ education by providing rigor and relevance to academic and career preparation.”

The CTE plan is a comprehensive plan to help youth and adults obtain career and technical training leading to 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.

Proposals must be aligned with one or more CTE Plan strategies and must address five areas – Personal Learning and Career Plans, a CTE curriculum based on current industry standards, meet a demonstrated need with a lasting benefit, be coordinated with at least one business/industry partner and address a high-priority task for statewide FY14 CTE Plan implementation.

Competitive grant applications must be submitted by email no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Applications are scheduled to be reviewed by May 30. Pending legislative appropriation of the FY14 funds, awards are expected to be announced in June, with the grant period starting July 1. 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

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