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Denali Training Fund Final Report

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Name of Organization: Southeast Regional Resource Center
Name of Project: SE Construction Trades Training, DTF 8-308
Reporting Period: April 2, 2008 – March 31, 2009
Contact Person: Linda Kadrlik
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Expenditures to date: \$80,000.00
Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Signed by: <u>Linda Kadrlik</u> Dated: April 28, 2009

1. A. In a few sentences, please describe the initial scope of your project.

The initial scope of the project was to train 15 rural southeast Alaska Students ages 18 – 24 in basic carpentry skills, career exploration and decision making and basic certifications needed for carpentry careers in an April 13 – 24, 2008 Construction Trades Academy.

B. Did you modify the scope or the budget at any time during this project? If so, please explain.

With remaining funds we provided support for a November 17 – 21, 2008 Career Connections session for up to 30 rural southeast Alaska 11th and 12th graders focusing on awareness of Alaska's high growth industries.

2. A. How many people did your original proposal intend to train?

We intended to train 15 students in the Construction Trades Academy.

B. How many people did you ultimately train? Please attach a final list of participants, their community, certification and where they are employed.

We ultimately trained 13 Construction Trades Academy students and 21 Career Connections students, for a total of 34 students.

C. If there is a variance between original and final, please explain.

We began with 16 Construction Trades students, one dropped out and two were excused for disciplinary reasons, leaving 13 students who completed. With remaining funding, we planned for 30 Career Connections students and 21 students actually attended. Denali funding paid for tuition,

but districts had a difficult time funding student travel, which resulted in only 21 students in attendance instead of 30 students.

3. Please tell us about lesson(s) learned during this project. There are a lot of business, industry, and governmental personnel who are very eager and interested in providing experiences and instruction to the students.

Juneau International Hostel housing is much more cost-effective and a better environment for students than a hotel housing situation.

Rural southeast students and school districts are very appreciative of these opportunities, and benefit greatly from them.

4. Please provide a minimum of one success story for this project.

From Carol Pate, Yakutat teacher: Michael Alfred, Yakutat, is enrolled in Diesel Technology program at UAS as a result of his Construction Trades Academy experience. Of all the Yakutat students, Michael is probably the one that walked away with the biggest benefit. UAS instructor Chuck Craig has been wonderful and making that connection made all of the difference for this kid. Thanks so much for this program.

5. Please attach a few photos with descriptive captions.

Photos and lists of students will be forwarded to you shortly.