

Project Authorization



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Project Number

1254-C

Project Title

Rural Construction Academies -
Heavy Equipment

Performance Period

February 01, 2013 to May 31, 2015

Commission Amount

\$425,168.97

Match Source(s)

Industry and Department of Labor

Match Amount

\$287,750.00

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Grant/Award, this Authorization:

In 2002, and through partnership with the Denali Commission, the Associated General Contractor's Construction Education Foundation (CEF) began implementing construction training at rural high schools by certifying high school teachers in basic construction skills using the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) protocol and resulting in a national recognized construction endorsement. In 2008, CEF expanded construction training and initiated Rural Construction Academies and as a result, made huge strides in building construction career pathways for rural workers. The Alaska Construction Academy model includes strong partnerships like, DOL Job Centers, Native Corporations, school districts, the Alaska Department Transportation, and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, which have resulted in resource leveraging and sustainable funding to continue.

CEF, with regional and State collaboration, is expanding their training opportunities and resources to address the need to protect the State and Federal Government's \$30 billion in capital construction investments in Alaska over the past three decades. A substantial portion of this investment has been in rural Alaska and consists of critical community needs such as schools, clinics, power generation, airports and roads. The State and local governments spend tens of millions each year for infrastructure maintenance and repair. Civil construction and building maintenance occupations are vital to rural transportation, commerce and safety. Rural employers responsible for maintaining roads and airports report a need to prepare local workers for these jobs and to upgrade the skills of current employees. Communities in rural Alaska report a shortage of workers with skills ready to go to work on large civil projects in their area. These communities own heavy equipment, power plants and buildings that need maintenance.

This proposal CEF will offer job training in (1) occupations needed for constructing and maintaining civil infrastructure such as roads, docks, bridges, and runways; heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, heavy mechanics and skilled laborers, and; (2) occupations involved in building maintenance and operations; technicians. CEF will recruit, train and certify > 155 rural adults for employment. These 155 adults will be recruited mainly from rural communities that do not have road access to the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center.

MILESTONES

IN-PROGRESS

PLANNED START DATE: February 1, 2013

PLANNED END DATE: May 31, 2015

CLOSE-OUT

PLANNED START DATE: June 01, 2015

PLANNED END DATE: August 31, 2015