

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Laborers Training Trust****Federal Tax ID: 92-6003589****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Alaska Laborers Construction Industry Training Fund - Training Facility Student Housing & Dormitory Project

State Funding Requested: \$1,500,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construction of a dormitory to provide on-site housing to those Alaskans traveling from remote villages and rural areas outside the municipality of Anchorage seeking training in the construction industry.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$4,832,760
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,832,760)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$500,000

Funding Details:

n/a

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Alaska Laborers' Training Facility
Student Housing/Dormitory Project

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The new Alaska Laborers' Training Facility will include three classrooms with a total projected capacity of 75 students. In order to properly accommodate the traveling students, the proposed 13,000 square foot dormitory will contain 20 units with the ability to have two full-size beds in each room; providing housing for 40 students. Each room will be approximately 400

square feet in size and will include a small desk, closet, and bathroom. The new housing facility will be equipped with a 900 square foot lobby, common lounge and restroom, and kitchenette area.

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Planning and Construction Estimated Costs

Estimated Cost

Soft Costs (Legal, Title, Survey)\$ 50,000

Site Work(Well and Septic)\$ 95,000

Construction

Housing Facility \$ 3,500,000

Design & Engineering\$ 195,000

Construction Administration\$ 70,000

Financing and Construction Interest\$ 292,400

Sub-total\$ 4,202,400

Contingency @ 15%\$ 630,360

Total Project Cost\$ 4,832,760

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Alaska Laborers' Training Trust Fund\$ 2,832,760

State of Alaska -- Requested Legislative Grant\$ 2,000,000

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Project Timeline:

Expenditures will begin in the summer of 2012 and continue until summer of 2013. Phase 1 should be completed by summer of 2013.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Laborers Training Trust

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA



ALASKA LABORERS' TRAINING FACILITY

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Concept Design – Future Housing Dormitory

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Total Estimated Funding **\$ 4,832,760**

January 24, 2012

Subject: IN SUPPORT OF THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE HOUSING PROJECT
SOUGHT BY THE ALASKA LABORERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing on behalf of ASRC Energy Services – Houston Contracting Company, Inc. ("AES HCC"), in support of the funding request for the Housing Project being sought by the Alaska Laborers' Training School. AES HCC and the Alaska Laborers have been outstanding partners in the safe development of our natural resources for many years. Over those years the Alaska Laborers' Training School has provided our employees and shareholders with the knowledge and skill sets required to work effectively in our industry.

When considering the remote nature of the Trans Alaska Pipeline and the Valdez Marine Terminal, a suitable housing facility is essential to the training process. Many of the certifications required to work on or around the pipeline involve numerous days, or even weeks, of class and shop time. With on-site housing the students are able to maximize their educational experience.

With your help the Alaska Laborers' Training facility can prepare for the future, which is why state funding is essential for improving the Training School's housing. The School is operated by the Alaska Laborers' Training Trust, which is managed by a board consisting of both labor and management directors. About 60 percent of the funding needed to proceed with the project is already in hand. This request is for the final funds needed to proceed with constructing the housing facility. AES HCC supports the allocation of additional funding in the FY2013 State budget to improve the Alaska Laborers' Training School.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and wish you a productive legislative session.

Sincerely,



Wade Blasingame
President and General Manager
ASRC Energy Services - Houston Contracting Company, Inc.
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February 6, 2012

Re: Funding request for Alaska Laborers' Training School

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature:

The Resource Development Council (RDC) is writing to support a state appropriation to help fund the construction of a much-needed housing project at the Alaska Laborers' Training Facility in Anchorage.

RDC's membership is comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism, and fisheries industries, as well as Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to link these diverse interests together to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

Approximately 60 percent of the funding needed to proceed with the project is already secured. The request for state funding is needed to proceed with construction. The project will greatly enhance the Alaska Laborers' Training School, which since 2006 has certified an average of 2,671 skills annually. Many RDC members, including Alaska Native corporations, have had a productive and beneficial relationship with the school. The school provides high quality job training and skill certifications for Alaskans.

A suitable housing facility is essential to the training process. The facility would provide housing to those Alaskans traveling from remote villages and rural areas outside the Municipality of Anchorage. Many of the certifications required to work on major oil and gas, energy, and mining projects require weeks of class and shop time. With onsite housing, students can maximize their education experience.

Due to federal spending constraints, it does not appear that federal funds will be available to support the project. Therefore, RDC believes state funding is needed and appropriate, given the benefits of the facility to our statewide workforce.

As you know, Alaska has immense natural resources, and a number of large projects in our resource sectors offer the potential of new jobs and a bright future for our state. However, key to the responsible development of Alaska's resources and the success of important projects benefitting the economy is a skilled workforce. The improved training center with onsite housing would grow the number of qualified workers from sectors ranging from health care to construction and benefit contractors throughout the state.

RDC believes the proposed training center with onsite housing is a win-win for Alaskans seeking skilled training in sectors that will help grow Alaska's economy. We encourage your support.

Sincerely,

Carl Portman
Deputy Director



January 23, 2012

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of CIRI and its more than 7,300 Alaska Native shareholders, the Alaska Laborers have our full support in their quest to secure funding for an onsite housing facility. For many years, CIRI and the Alaska Laborers have enjoyed a successful relationship. They have played an important role in training our shareholders to effectively work within the construction industry and develop our states resources.

CIRI has interests all throughout Alaska, making for an extremely well diverse community with remote capabilities. It is because of this, a housing facility is an essential component to our shareholders ability to focus on obtaining the required certifications without the added stress of transportation while in Anchorage. Our shareholders can focus on the tasks and safely learn the skills all while remaining within the confines of the campus.

The \$2 million fund request, with your help and support and the funding already secured by the Alaska Laborers, will greatly increase CIRI's capability to expand and strengthen the infrastructure throughout rural Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration, and please support the Alaska Laborers request for funding.

Sincerely,

Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

Barbara Donatelli
Senior Vice President



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January 30, 2012

Joey Merrick, Business Manager
Laborers Local Union 341
2501 Commercial Drive
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Merrick,

I am writing to express our support of your request for State funds to construct a dormitory at the Alaska Laborers Training School in Chugiak, Alaska. Alaska has a shortage of skilled construction workers and we need to increase training capacity for skilled laborers as we strive to increase our nation's energy independence through oil and natural gas development, rebuild the state infrastructure, to retrofit homes and facilities to increase energy efficiency, and to reduce fuel consumption and future carbon emissions.

The Alaska Laborers Training Trust is known for their quality of instruction. They teach many skills, from building roads to maintaining pipelines. The Laborers put trained members to work in high-skill, high paying jobs and in good careers that include health care and retirement benefits. Adding a dormitory to the training center will significantly help trainees living outside the area and hold down the costs of training. This project will result in a modern industry training school to support Alaska businesses and workers in the future, leading to more jobs for Alaska contractors and residents. Because it will be owned and operated by the Trust, the dormitory can be sustained for many years to come without continued public funding.

Again, AWP is in complete support for this project and look forward to assisting your Trustees and the Union in the future to make this a reality.

Sincerely,

Mike Andrews
Director



KNIK TRIBAL COUNCIL

KNIK, THE OLDEST VILLAGE IN COOK INLET

February 03, 2012

Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room ____
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf our Alaska Native shareholders, Knik Tribal Council strongly supports the funding request of the Alaska Laborers' Training School for their Student Housing & Dormitory Project. Our shareholders have received valuable skill training through the Alaska Laborers Training program. The training they receive at the Alaska Laborers' Training School results in a more highly-skilled construction workforce in Alaska, and also provides our shareholders with a rewarding career that betters their lives as well as the lives of their families.

The Knik Tribal Council believes that the future of our great State depends on having a workforce that is ready and able to meet the challenges ahead, whether it's the construction of a new gas pipeline or to rebuild our State's aging infrastructure. In order to take advantage of these valuable training opportunities it is essential that the Alaska Laborers Training facility provide housing for rural Alaskans. Onsite housing means that our rural Alaskan shareholders will be able to maximize their training experience while at the facility, which is better for our shareholders and better for the future of Alaska's construction workforce.

We believe the funding request for the Alaska Laborers' Training School housing project is important for the continued growth of a highly-skilled construction workforce, and therefore is worthy of your support.

Sincerely,

Vice President
Knik Tribal Council

DON YOUNG
CONGRESSMAN FOR ALL ALASKA
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January 23, 2012

Honorable Gary Stevens
President
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 11
Juneau, Alaska 99801

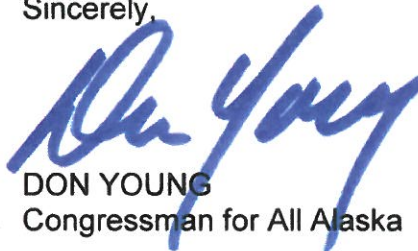
Dear Senator Stevens:

The Alaska Laborers' Training Trust Fund and the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 341, have my full support with their request for FY2013 funds to build a housing facility for their new training school. I appreciate the opportunity to address this important matter with you.

As you and I both know, Alaska's vast geographical and cultural diversities proves difficult for many working men and women to garner the education required to build and support the necessary infrastructure throughout this great State. The Alaska Laborers provide a venue for these traveling workers to develop and hone their skills within the boundaries of their training facilities, but now need the funding to build the housing facility.

Over the past several years, we have seen a dramatic increase in federal spending and a budget that has spiraled out of control. Due to the current climate in Washington DC, it does not appear that additional federal funds will be available in support of the training facility. Therefore, I am humbly asking that you support funding for this invaluable training center not only for Anchorage; but for the statewide workforce and our important infrastructure development.

Sincerely,



DON YOUNG
Congressman for All Alaska



P.O Box 196660

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99519-6660

TELEPHONE (907) 787-8700

Thomas J. Barrett
President

February 27, 2012

Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

I am writing to request your support for funding the Alaska Laborers' Training School housing project in the FY2013 state budget. Trained Alaska Laborers have played a key role in the safe development and transportation of our natural resources for many years.

We require employees to become certified prior to working on or around the pipeline and much of this training can consume weeks of class and shop time. With on-site housing, the students are able to maximize their educational experience and become certified. Many students from the Alaska Laborers Training School graduate and obtain jobs with contracting companies of Alyeska. These contractors are critical partners in Alyeska's mission to safely deliver oil; they also help us meet our commitment to employing 20 percent Alaska Natives, as agreed in the Alaska Native Utilization Agreement.

Alyeska supports the funding request to improve the Alaska Laborers' Training School by adding on-site housing. I appreciate your consideration of this request and I wish you a productive legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Tom Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.