

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska State Pipe Trades****Federal Tax ID: 094-1082****Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Alaska State Pipe Trades - Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVACR) Training

State Funding Requested: \$200,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

To provide Alaskan technicians with advanced heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration training to take advantage of existing employment opportunities.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$200,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In 2011 the Alaska Pipe Trades attempted to provide the training at their facilities at Local 367 in Anchorage. The training center received a grant from Department of Labor and Workforce Development for about \$45,000.00. However we were unable to provide the advanced training needed by our contractors and their customers.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

In December of 2009 Contractors in South Central Alaska voiced their concern with heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) technicians available to perform work in the State of Alaska. The contractors indicated they could grow their business significantly if there were qualified HVACR technicians. Currently a lot of this work is being done from out of state contractors and technicians. We will be able to put Alaskans to work if we could provide qualified technicians As a result of the information the Plumbers and Pipefitters Unions advertised a new program across South Central Alaska. We interviewed 45 candidates for 20 positions. These new apprentices attended their first 6 week class in the spring of 2011. After the completion of their class the apprentices were put on the out of work list per the order of their acceptance into the program. Unfortunately the contractors were unable to put these new apprentices directly to work until they receive more advanced training. While we have been working on our options we allowed these apprentices to go to work in our normal apprenticeship program of plumbing and pipefitting. After researching all available options we have concluded that the best way to proceed is to send the interested apprentices out of state for a 3 month intensive training program at RSI (Refrigeration School Inc.) in Phoenix AZ. This school is nationally renowned for their training in the HVACR market. Training these apprentices at RSI will give us time and additional expertise to continue to enhance and complete our own training program to be able to meet the contractors and their customer HVACR needs for the State of Alaska at our Alaska training facilities. We are respectfully requesting the following general fund capital increment: This training will consist of six courses 1) Fundamentals of Electricity 2) Fundamentals of Refrigeration 3) Comfort Systems-Residential 4) Comfort systems-Commercial 5) Refrigeration Systems & Practices 6) Advanced Trouble-Shooting Techniques The individual tuition

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cost for each class is \$2,150.00 x 6= 12,900.00 +\$45.00 (Course Materials) +\$125.00 (Text Book) +\$150.00 (Mandatory RSI T-Shirts) Total cost of tuition and supplies per student is \$13,200.00 Subtotal \$132,000 Housing- 2,000 per person Subtotal \$20,000 Tools- \$500 per person Subtotal \$5,000 Food- \$1,500 per person Subtotal \$15,000 Travel- \$850 per person Subtotal \$8,000 Stipend- \$1500 per person Subtotal \$15,000 Total- \$200,000 All other training will be provided by existing training will be provided by our existing facilities and absorbed by our membership.

Project Timeline:

All expenditures will occur in FY13.

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

The Alaska State Pipe Trades

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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