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Office of Citizenship Assistance Closes

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Office of Citizenship Assistance, which had offered assistance with employment, training and citizenship referrals to legal immigrants, has been closed effective July 1 due to lack of funding.

Most of the services offered through the office, which opened in the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development in 2005, are available through other state offices and federal agencies.

For information and referrals for employment and training related services, see the <u>Alaska Job</u> <u>Center Network</u> Web site (jobs.alaska.gov/offices/index.html) or call 1-877-724-2539.

For information and assistance with citizenship and immigration services, contact the federal Alaska U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office:

- USCIS Customer Service 800-375-5283
- Hearing Impaired TDD 800-767-1833
- Anchorage USCIS 907-271-4064
- <u>USCIS Online</u> <u>www.USCIS.gov</u>

The <u>Anchorage USCIS Field Office</u> has a profile site on the USCIS Web site (egov.uscis.gov/crisgwi/go?action=offices.detail&office=ANC&OfficeLocator.office_type=LO &OfficeLocator.statecode=AK).

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