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### Labor Accepting Applications for Energy Sector Training

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is accepting applications for employment training programs under the Alaska State Energy Sector Partnership, which received \$3.6 million to train 700 workers in the skills required for careers in emerging energy-efficient and renewable energy industries from the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment Training Administration.

"Alaska's energy goal is to achieve 50 percent of energy from renewable sources by 2025," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "These training and education programs will provide workers to help reach that goal. Training programs will focus on serving veterans, people with disabilities, unemployed and under-employed workers, low-income individuals, dislocated workers and out-of-school youth."

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board, AVTEC-Alaska's Institute of Technology, Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska AFL-CIO, Denali Commission, University of Alaska, U.S. Office of Apprenticeship and Alaska Works Partnership, Inc. are working together as the Alaska State Energy Sector Partnership to increase the supply of workers with skills to support the energy-efficiency and renewable energy industries, including geothermal, hydroelectric, wind turbine and biomass industries.

The department's Division of Business Partnerships will use its new online Electronic Grant Administration and Management System to streamline the grant application and monitoring process. Using the EGrAMS system, agencies can search for existing grant opportunities, register for notification of new grant opportunities and register to submit an application.

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