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Youth First Grant Applications Available Online

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Division of Business Partnerships is accepting proposals to fund employment and training projects that prepare youth ages 14 to 24 for career paths that lead to employment in Alaska's high demand occupations.

"Education and training pay off," Labor Commissioner Dianne Blumer said. "The Alaska Youth First program helps young Alaskans begin to prepare for their futures."

The focus of the competitive Alaska Youth First grants is on increasing youth awareness about current labor market information, creating clear understanding about workforce expectations, learning work readiness skills and increasing awareness about in-state training opportunities preparing youth for career paths that lead to employment in Alaska's high demand, high wage occupations, or apprenticeship and postsecondary education.

"For profit and non-profit organizations, schools, local and state government agencies, Alaska Native organizations, employers and other organizations with the capacity to facilitate innovative training and to build career awareness should apply," BP Director Corine Geldhof said.

Grant applications are submitted through the division's electronic grants administration and management system, EGrAMS, which can be accessed at the division's web site at <http://labor.alaska.gov/bp/egrans/>. The web site includes a tutorial on using EGrAMS. Interested parties are encouraged to view the tutorial before using EGrAMS.

The Request for Grant Application document, which provides further detail about the Alaska Youth First program and the requirements for submitting a grant application, can be accessed from the [online public notice system](#) at <http://bit.ly/15yFWXi>.

The department expects \$1.275 million will be available for these grant awards. The deadline for submitting an application through EGrAMS is 5 p.m. Friday, March 29.

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