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### **Federal Workforce Investment Act Youth Program Grant Applications Available Online**

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is accepting grant proposals that will help disadvantaged youth develop the skills they need to succeed in Alaska's workforce.

"The Workforce Investment Act-Youth program supports a comprehensive approach to provide academic and occupational opportunities to eligible participants," said Corine Geldhof, director of Business Partnerships.

For-profit and non-profit organizations, schools, local and state government agencies, Alaska Native organizations, employers, industry trainers, and local and state agencies may apply.

Successful applicants will serve low-income eligible youth, both in and out of school, between the ages of 14-21 who have significant barriers to employment including deficiencies in basic literacy skills or homelessness.

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 Workforce Investment Act-Youth program and the requirements for submitting a grant application, can be accessed from the online public notice system at <http://bit.ly/15yeYiy>. Applications are due at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 15.

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