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## **Alaska Energy Authority Program Fact Sheet:**

## **Training Program**

### **Current Status:**

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), through an operating appropriation and a grant from the Department of Labor's Alaska State Energy Sector Program (ASESP) funds, will provide training opportunities to rural residents for their energy projects and infrastructure. For FY 2012 the \$350,000 training program will fund: two Power Plant Operator courses, two Advanced Power Plant Operator courses, one Hydro Power Plant Operator course, three Bulk Fuel Operator courses and two Business Plan training courses.

### **Program Description:**

The intent of this training is to ensure that community personnel have the best skills with which to sustain their energy infrastructure in a business-like manner. With proper training, utilities can keep their facilities code-compliant and sustainable. AEA contracts with Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) in Seward to deliver the operator courses.

The goals for the training program for fiscal year 2012 is as follows:

- 64 total certifications awarded in:
  - 24 Bulk Fuel Operator
  - 20 Advanced Power Plant Operator
  - 15 Power Plant Operator
  - 5 Hydro Power Plant Operator
  
- Conduct two Business Plan training sessions in the spring of 2012 in Anchorage. AEA will issue a Request for Proposal for a consultant to provide business training to tank farm and power house managers. The focus of the courses will be activities that teach communities how to comply with the provisions outlined in their business plans. Specifically, training will cover compliance with the financial and reporting requirements and the skills managers need to more effectively run their electric utility or bulk fuel tank farm.