



**Regarding Alaska's Education Opportunity Act (House Bill 150, Senate Bill 93 )**

**Ilisagvik College is in support of extending the Alaska Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) through 2024. As a Regional Training Center under the North Slope Education and Training Cooperative, Ilisagvik requests inclusion in the list of Regional Training Centers funded under the TVEP Program.**

This request is supported by the following information:

- ❖ Ilisagvik College's Community and Workforce Development program offered a total of 247 classes in the 2012-2013 academic year, which served a total of 1,877\* students. *\*This is a duplicated number, as some students were enrolled in more than one WFD class. The total student headcount for Ilisagvik College (unduplicated, across all programs) is 1,894.*
- ❖ In addition to the short-term, often industry-specific trainings which Ilisagvik College offers under its Community and Workforce Development program, Ilisagvik provides other vocational education in the areas of Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs), Heavy Equipment Operations, Welding, Electrical, Carpentry, other construction trades, and employer requested classes and trainings.
  - Ilisagvik currently only requests State funding to support its Community and Workforce Development program (\$650,000, 4.9% of Ilisagvik's total budget). The total cost to run vocational education programs at Ilisagvik College is \$1,757,201 (13% of Ilisagvik's overall budget).
  - Ilisagvik is not included in any mandated State funding and currently must solicit State funding annually.
- ❖ Ilisagvik College has the following Articulated Agreements in place:
  - With the North Slope Borough and Metlakatla School Districts to provide Dual-Credit programming for high school students
  - With the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF), University of Alaska, Southeast (UAS), and Alaska Pacific University (APU) to facilitate a smooth transition for Ilisagvik students wishing to transfer to 4-year programs (Teacher Education, Business, Allied Health, General Studies)

CONTINUE TO BACK



- ❖ Ilisaġvik maintains partnerships with the following (non-comprehensive list):
  - Industry: Companies in the oil, gas, construction, maritime, and utilities fields
  - Corporations: Local corporations such as Arctic Slope Regional Association (ASRC), village corporations, and others
  - The North Slope Borough (NSB): The NSB funds two thirds of Ilisaġvik's overall budget, and Ilisaġvik provides custom trainings for Borough residents and focuses training efforts in this region
  - Hiland Mountain Correctional Center: Education for inmates, for which Ilisaġvik College provides college credits that can be used to encourage success upon re-entry into society
  - Other Industrial Trainers: Northern Industrial Training (NIT), AMSEA, Environmental Management, Inc. (EMI), Alaska Chadux Corporation
- ❖ Success rates for the Community and Workforce Development program:
  - WFD classes had a 99% completion rate for the 2012-2013 academic year.
  - Since the majority of WFD classes are held at the request of employers, the majority of participants in these classes are either already employed (and gaining skills for advancement) or going directly into the workforce once they complete their training.
  - Ilisaġvik also provides trainings in response to changing industry regulations, which allow employers to train their workers in order to remain compliant with the law. This allows for increased employee retention.
- ❖ Located in Barrow, Ilisaġvik provides trainings in a wide range of locations. Locations extend from Barrow and other North Slope villages, to the Northwest Arctic Borough, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and down to Metlakatla. Ilisaġvik continues to expand statewide in the hopes of increasing employability for Alaskan residents, especially in rural areas.
- ❖ Ilisaġvik's Community and Workforce Development program has received State funding for the past 3 years. Our FY15 funding request for this program is \$650,000, though the total funding need for all vocational education at Ilisaġvik College is \$1,757,201.

February 2014