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## Alaska Navigator: Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics

 In 2012, the State of Alaska, Department of Education & Early Development, received a three-year, \$4 million federal grant to develop ANSWERS, Alaska's P-20W Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

 ANSWERS is not a new data collection; rather, it links existing data collections to provide information about various student cohorts and sub-groups as they move through the education continuum and into the workforce.

Year one of the grant was devoted to project analysis and planning. Year two focus is infrastructure design and system development, with report creation and user training scheduled for year three. Sustainability will be a primary consideration in all these phases. ANSWERS is scheduled for full implementation in 2015.



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### Mission statement

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*Deliver outcomes information to Alaska stakeholders to assess, evaluate and improve the state's education and career development spectrum.*

★ ANSWERS will link existing K-12 and postsecondary education with career training and workforce information to illuminate and enhance the work of education and training practitioners and policymakers, as well as informing the public.

★ ANSWERS products and reports will improve Alaska's capacity to analyze education and workforce outcomes and projections, identify gaps in available training and participation compared to state needs, and support economic development plans.



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