

Economic Impact of the Alaska Film Production Incentive Program

Since the program's inception in 2008, 15 productions have received tax credits. These 15 productions **filmed in Alaska for a total of 910 days and had a total Alaska spend of \$14,910,810.**

As of January, 2011 there are an additional 28 productions that are pre-qualified for Alaska Film Incentives. If all these productions are completed they have an estimated an **additional projected Alaska spend of \$83,805,521.**

Economists estimate that local economies get \$1.50 - \$3.00 for every \$1.00 spent by the film industry.

Highlights from Alaska's First Major Motion Picture: Everybody Loves Whales

- On any given day there were approximately 100 Alaskans working in front of the camera and over 100 Alaskans working behind.
- Nearly 1500 extras appeared in front of camera representing towns and villages across Alaska.
- Alaskan crew filled department positions in grip, lighting, rigging, electric, video, locations, sound, art, set decoration, props, transportation, painters, construction, craft service, casting, production office and AD department. These Alaskan's will now serve as a foundation to future productions looking for crew.
- Cast and crew accounted for over 12,100 hotel room nights.
- Security man hours totaled over 7,900.
- Rental cars totaled over 8,800 rental days.
- Businesses where goods and services were purchased included rental cars, taxis, limousines, restaurants, hotels, construction companies, towing companies, aerial charter to include helicopter and fixed wing, sled dog operations, snowmobiles/4 wheelers, hardware stores, lumber yards, communication companies, landscaping, restoration companies, dumpster services and rentals, port-a-can services and rentals, electric companies, plumbing, heating, rental equipment companies, truck leasing, crane companies, paving companies, police, fire, security, parking, traffic control companies, catering, cleaning, grocery stores, coffee shops, clothing stores, realtors, boat charters, diving companies, survey companies, engineering firms, printing, office supplies, motor-home rentals, shipping companies, airlines, drapery repair and fencing companies.



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ALASKA'S FILM PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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Program Summary

The Alaska Film Production Incentive Program is an economic development initiative created to encourage growth of the film industry in Alaska. Applicants can qualify for **up to 44% in a transferable tax credit** on qualified production expenditures in Alaska.

What projects are eligible? Eligible projects are broadly defined as film, documentary, commercials, and video projects. We require a minimum of \$100,000 of qualified expenditures in Alaska. Unlike some incentive programs, we do not have salary caps or project caps. We do not require your company to be domiciled in Alaska, nor do we have minimum requirements for principle photography days or Alaska hire. However, we provide additional incentives for Alaska hire, off-season production and productions filmed in rural locations. Below is a summary of Alaska's Tax Credits:

Tax Credit	Value	Requirements
Base Credit	30%	Production expenditures must be made in Alaska.
Alaska Hire	+ 10%	Wages paid to Alaska residents receive an additional 10% credit.
Seasonal	+ 2%	Production expenditures made between Oct. 1 and Mar. 30 receive an added 2% credit.
Rural Location	+ 2%	Production expenditures made in a rural area also receive an added 2% credit.
Maximum Possible Credit	44%	Portions of a production with an Alaskan crew, filmed in rural Alaska between October and March.

Note: Alaska has no personal Income Tax and no statewide Sales Tax, so our incentive program is just the tip of the iceberg of your possible Alaska savings.

How does the program work? The State of Alaska offers a film production incentive in the form of a transferable tax credit for qualifying production expenditures that you make in Alaska during a consecutive 24-month period.

Here are the steps you take to use Alaska's incentives:

1. Contact the Alaska Film Office (AFO) for information and application forms (forms are also available below).
2. Submit the Pre-qualification form to qualify your project for the tax credit. You must include estimated qualifying expenditures during a 24-month period, detailed budget, distribution plan and a script or synopsis of your project. Pre-qualification should occur prior to the beginning of production.
3. Receive pre-qualification letter for your project when AFO determines that it meets program requirements.
4. Arrange for a CPA licensed by the State of Alaska to verify (audit) your Alaska expenditures.
5. Submit the final application form and materials after production is complete. As part of the final Application package, a rough cut (or final edited version) of the production is required. Once the AFO has verified that your project meets the requirements, a tax credit will be approved.
6. The Alaska Department of Revenue (DOR) will issue the actual tax credit. NO ADDITIONAL REVIEW is required by DOR.
7. Sell your tax credit to any company that has a corporate income tax liability to the State of Alaska.

Statutes and Regulations:

The Alaska Film Production Incentive Program is based on legislation passed in 2008.
The enabling legislation is available on the Alaska Legislature's website.

The Alaska Film Production Incentive Program's statutory basis is in 2 titles:
AS 43.98 (Revenue) and AS 44.33 (Commerce, Community and Economic Development).
- View the full text of the applicable Alaska Statutes here ([pdf file](#))

Regulations governing the Alaska Film Production Incentive Program are found in 2 titles of the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC):
Title 3 – Commerce, Community and Economic Development (Approved in June 2009)
Title 15 – Revenue (Approved November 2010)
- View the full text of the regulations here ([pdf file](#))

"Rural" has a specific meaning in this program.
Here is a list of Alaska Communities and their "rural" status (it also has information on local taxes - [pdf file](#))

Forms (Click on the form name to download)

Pre-Qualification Form (*the form was updated in February 2011, please discard older downloads*):

(We offer 3 versions of the same form - pick the one that best matches your system and computing experience)

- 1) Basic PDF Pre-qualification Form (print form, fill it out by hand or on typewriter, then send it in)
- 2) Advanced PDF Pre-qualification Form (fill it out on your computer, print it and send it in)
- 3) Excel Spreadsheet Pre-qualification Form (each page is on a separate tab - fill it out, print it and send it in)

Final Tax Credit Application Form:

(We offer 3 versions of the same form - pick the one that best matches your system and computing experience)

- 1) Basic PDF Tax Credit Application Form (print form, fill it out by hand or on typewriter, then send it in)
- 2) Advanced PDF Pre-qualification Form (fill it out on your computer, print it and send it in)
- 3) Excel Spreadsheet Tax Credit Application Form (each page is on a separate tab - fill it out, print it and send it in)

Productions must provide a "Sworn Certification of Compliance" with their final application:

(to indicate that the production complied with applicable laws & regulations)

[Sworn Certification of Compliance \(pdf file\)](#)

Department of Revenue Form:

[Film Production Tax Credit Transfer Form \(pdf file\)](#)

Questions?

Other Questions? Check out our FAQ:

[\(Questions about Alaska's Incentive Program and Questions about Filming in Alaska\)](#)

You can also contact the Alaska Film Office:

Call (907) 269-8190 or e-mail AlaskaFilm@alaska.gov



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Alaska's Film Production Incentive Program

Tax Credit Approval Information

Credits Approved by the Alaska Film Office (as of 1/14/2011):

(Please note: the "Credit Info" is the publicly available information from the production's Tax Credit Application form.)

FY11 Approved Tax Credits

Project #	Company	Production	Type	Tax Credit \$	Approval Date	Alaska Spend	Credit /Spend	Credit Info
11-001	Sun Never Sets Productions	Top Gear (1 episode "Alaska Tough Truck")	NF-TV	\$81,003.46	1/13/11 (FY11)	\$260,798	31.06%	PDF
10-010	Beyond Indigo Productions	Beyond Indigo (aka Ghost Vision)	FF	\$2,140,413.00	12/22/10 (FY11)	\$6,602,752	32.42%	PDF
10-009	Original Productions	Ice Road Truckers (season 4)	NF-TV	\$898,203.93	12/17/10 (FY11)	\$2,692,293	33.36%	PDF
10-008	PSG Motion Pictures	Alaska State Troopers (season 1)	NF-TV	\$30,709.30	12/8/10 (FY11)	\$100,676	30.50%	PDF
10-007	Original Productions	Deadliest Catch (season 6)	NF-TV	\$584,562.74	11/22/10 (FY11)	\$1,747,965	33.44%	PDF
10-006	Rainy Pass Productions	R5 Sons (season 1)	NF-TV	\$150,442.19	11/12/10 (FY11)	\$421,049	35.73%	PDF
10-005	On the Ice	On the Ice	FF	\$171,145.61	10/1/10 (FY11)	\$524,628	32.62%	PDF
10-004	Diverse Bristol	Man vs. Wild (1 episode "The Last Frontier")	NF-TV	\$67,994.04	10/4/10 (FY11)	\$223,143	30.47%	PDF
10-003	Original Productions	Ice Road Truckers (season 3)	NF-TV	\$393,423.75	9/27/10 (FY11)	\$1,187,933	33.12%	PDF
10-002	Affinityfilms	Survive to Thrive	Doc	\$39,693.41	8/4/10 (FY11)	\$109,217	36.34%	PDF

10-001 Rabbit Content	Prilosec: Fairbanks Project	Comm	\$107,277.35	7/9/10 (FY11)	\$326,664	32.84%	PDF
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FY11 Tax Credits Approved (to date): \$4,664,868.78 Spend: \$14,197,119 32.86%

FY10 Approved Tax Credits

Project #	Company	Production	Type	Tax Credit \$	Approval Date	Alaska Spend	Credit /Spend	Credit Info
09-004	Proposal Productions	The Proposal	FF	\$64,894.93	11/27/09 (FY10)	\$179,407	36.17%	PDF
09-003	The Ascending Path	Disaster on K2	NF-TV	\$46,009.45	10/28/09 (FY10)	\$122,153	37.67%	PDF
09-002	Kaos Entertainment	Grizzly Land	NF-TV	\$54,138.08	10/21/09 (FY10)	\$178,394	30.35%	PDF
09-001	Moore Huntley Productions	Alaska: Most Extreme	NF-TV	\$79,504.07	9/11/09 (FY10)	\$233,737	34.01%	PDF

FY10 Tax Credits Approved: \$244,546.53 Spend: \$713,691 34.27%

Legend: NF-TV = Non-Fiction Television | FF = Feature Film | Comm = Commercial | Doc = Documentary

Total Tax Credits Approved: \$4,909,415.31 Spend: \$14,910,810 32.93%

Questions?

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ALASKA'S FILM PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM Pre-Qualified Projects

Projects that have pre-qualified for Alaska's Incentive program and their status as of 2/3/2011:
(Please note: the "P-Q Info" is the publicly available information from the production's pre-qualification form.)

FY11 Pre-Qualifications				
Type	Company	Pre-Qualified Date	Status	P-Q Info
NF-TV	Original Productions (#6)	2/1/20111 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Saint Thomas Productions	1/26/2011 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Boutique TV Inc. / Think Factory Media Inc.	12/28/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	PSG Motion Pictures (#3)	12/16/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	PSG Motion Pictures (#2)	12/7/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Discovery Studios	12/7/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Original Productions (#5)	11/19/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
FF	Arctic Film Group	10/26/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Zonk Productions	10/12/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
FF	1964 Motion Pictures	9/10/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Sun Never Sets Productions	8/20/2010 - FY11	Completed	PDF
NF-TV	British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)	8/20/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
Comm	Aero Films	8/9/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Bongo Productions	8/9/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
Doc	Wildlife HD Productions	7/26/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Jean Worldwide	7/9/2010 - FY11	Active	PDF
Count: 16	Estimated Credits: \$4,521,988 (thru 2/3/2011)			

FY10 Pre-Qualifications				
Type	Company	Pre-Qualified Date	Status	P-Q Info
NF-TV	Original Productions (#4)	6/23/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
FF	Teton Gravity Research	6/15/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
FF	Beyond Indigo Productions	6/15/2010 - FY10	Completed	PDF
FF	Doppelganger Productions	5/26/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
Doc	Whittier Museum Association	5/4/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Brain Farm	5/3/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
FF	Icebreaker Films	4/28/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
Comm	Rabbit Content	4/1/2010 - FY10	Completed	PDF
Doc	Great Projects Media	3/11/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Rainy Pass Productions	3/1/2010 - FY10	Completed	PDF
TV Drama	Sennet Entertainment	2/17/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
FF	On The Ice Productions	2/4/2010 - FY10	Completed	PDF
TV Drama	Christmas with a Capital "C" Productions	1/26/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF
Doc	Anker Productions	1/20/2010 - FY10	Active	PDF

NF-TV	Original Productions (#3)	12/30/2009 - FY10	Completed	PDF
NF-TV	Original Productions (#2)	11/30/2009 - FY10	Completed	PDF
FF	Godspeed the Movie	11/20/2009 - FY10	Rejected	PDF
NF-TV	Pentecorvo Productions	11/16/2009 - FY10	Active	PDF
FF	Greenwomb Productions	10/30/2009 - FY10	Active	PDF
FF	KRS Productions	10/15/2009 - FY10	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Freemantle Media	9/3/2009 - FY10	Active	PDF
Doc	Affinityfilms	8/13/2009 - FY10	Completed	PDF
NF-TV	Diverse Bristol	8/7/2009 - FY10	Completed	PDF
NF-TV	Kaos Entertainment	7/30/2009 - FY10	Completed	PDF
FF	Dangerous Passage Productions	7/14/2009 - FY10	Expired	PDF

Count: 25

Estimated Credits: \$29,963,766

FY09 Pre-Qualifications

Type	Company	Pre-Qualified Date	Status	P-Q Info
NF-TV	PSG Motion Pictures (#1)	5/6/2009 - FY09	Completed	PDF
NF-TV	Tiger Aspect Productions	5/6/2009 - FY09	Active	PDF
NF-TV	Original Productions (#1)	3/2/2009 - FY09	Completed	PDF
NF-TV	Moore Huntley Productions	2/3/2009 - FY09	Completed	PDF
NF-TV	The Ascending Path	11/3/2008 - FY09	Completed	PDF
FF	Proposal Productions	9/15/2008 - FY09	Completed	PDF

Count: 6

Estimated Credits: \$853,321

Active Pre-Qualifications: 30 (as of 2/3/2011)**Pre-Qualifications from completed productions:** 15 (as of 2/3/2011)**Rejected Pre-Qualifications:** 1 (as of 2/3/2011)**Expired Pre-Qualifications** (production did not submit final application): 1 (as of 2/3/2011)

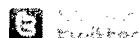
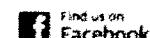
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