

## **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.                           |
| <b>Maximum Possible Credit</b> | <b>44%</b> | <b>Portions of a production with an Alaskan crew, filmed in rural Alaska between October and March.</b> |

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)

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### 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)

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#### **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)

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#### **Department of Revenue Form:**

Film Production Tax Credit Transfer Form (pdf file)

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### 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](mailto: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         |

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|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|------|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------|-----|
| 10-001 | Rabbit Content | Prilosec:<br>Fairbanks Project | Comm | \$107,277.35 | 7/9/10<br>(FY11) | \$326,664 | 32.84% | PDF |
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| <b>FY11 Tax Credits Approved (to date): \$4,664,868.78</b> | Spend: \$14,197,119 | 32.86% |
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### 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<br>(FY10) | \$179,407    | 36.17%        | PDF         |
| 09-003    | The Ascending Path        | Disaster on K2       | NF-TV | \$46,009.45   | 10/28/09<br>(FY10) | \$122,153    | 37.67%        | PDF         |
| 09-002    | Kaos Entertainment        | Grizzly Land         | NF-TV | \$54,138.08   | 10/21/09<br>(FY10) | \$178,394    | 30.35%        | PDF         |
| 09-001    | Moore Huntley Productions | Alaska: Most Extreme | NF-TV | \$79,504.07   | 9/11/09<br>(FY10)  | \$233,737    | 34.01%        | PDF         |

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| <b>FY10 Tax Credits Approved: \$244,546.53</b> | Spend: \$713,691 | 34.27% |
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Legend: NF-TV = Non-Fiction Television | FF = Feature Film | Comm = Commercial | Doc = Documentary

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| <b>Total Tax Credits Approved: \$4,909,415.31</b> | Spend: \$14,910,810 | 32.93% |
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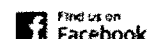
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### Questions?

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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)                   | 2/1/2011 - 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      |

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|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 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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