First Steps Towards tribal weatherization: human capacity development

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Cook Inlet Tribal Council Vision

“To minimize our impacts to the environment by reducing global warming through energy efficiencies in existing and new buildings and an improved transportation system for tribal members.”
Overview:
Weatherization improvement services will be provided to Native people by Native people because the proposed project will recruit, train and then hire two full-time weatherization technicians who will then improve the energy efficiency of homes of Alaska Natives / American Indians residing in the Indian areas, within the Cook Inlet Region of Alaska, including Anchorage.
The project is a partnership between three entities, with Cook Inlet Tribal Council as the lead agency: CITC’s Employment and Training Services Department, Cook Inlet Housing authority and AlaskaWorks Partnership.

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CITC Weatherization apprenticeship

Partnerships

Cook Inlet Tribal Council
Responsible for the applicant recruitment, program oversight, fiscal management and job placement of the Weatherization Apprenticeship Program.

AlaskaWorks Partnership, Inc. (AKWP)
Apprentices will enroll in their Building and Maintenance Repair apprenticeship program, which will prepare the applicants to become weatherization technicians through a combination of coursework and job training.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Inc. (CIHA)
Supervises the job training portion of AlaskaWorks Building and Maintenance Repair apprenticeship program through their existing tribal Weatherization program.
Two recruited Alaska Native / American Indian apprentices will complete the 4,000 hour program which includes the following:
- 360 hours of coursework related to weatherization
- 4,000 hours of job training hours under Cook Inlet Housing Authority supervision
- Employment with CIHA following completion
- Both apprentices have completed first 1,000 hours of OJT
- Training obtained have included trades math, basic carpentry, OSHA-10 and Weatherization Tech-1 certifications
- Future training will include advanced weatherization building and possibly energy auditor certification.
- Program graduation and job placement to take place in February, 2012
Questions?