

**State of Alaska**  
**Department of Labor and Workforce Development**  
**Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Online Public Notice**

**The State Training and Employment Program (STEP)**  
**Request for Grant Applications for State Fiscal Year 2025**

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) requests grant applications for training projects in priority industries under the State Training and Employment Program. STEP is funded by a percentage of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and is appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature.

The purpose of STEP is to enhance the quality and accessibility of in-state training and employment services for Alaska residents. In addition, STEP seeks to increase resident employment in industries where a high number of nonresidents are working, reduce future unemployment claims, and foster economic growth in all regions by meeting employer demand for a skilled workforce.

The attached Request for Grant Applications (RGA) includes additional detailed information regarding this solicitation.

Six Microsoft Teams teleconferences will be held each Tuesday to answer questions about the STEP program, this RGA, and the application process. Applications must be entered into the Grants Management System.

**Q & A Teleconferences**

**Dates: Tuesday, February 13, 2024**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**  
**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Access via Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Or call in (audio only)**  
[+1 907-202-7104,,579788388#](#)  
Phone Conference ID: 579 788 388#

The deadline for submission of grant applications is **Monday, April 1, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** Funding of STEP grant awards is limited by the availability of funds each fiscal year and subject to appropriation by the Alaska State Legislature.

Questions about this solicitation should be directed to Program Coordinator Sean Pierce, [sean.pierce@alaska.gov](mailto:sean.pierce@alaska.gov), (907) 269-4551 or Grants Administrator, Christina Young, [christina.young@alaska.gov](mailto:christina.young@alaska.gov), (907) 269-4660.

Persons with disabilities requesting accommodations should contact Breanna Cooper at (907) 269-7327 no later than ten days before the accommodation is needed.