



**U.S. Department of Labor  
Disability Employment Initiative Cooperative Agreements**

**Alaska**

**Grantee:** State of Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Location of Grant Activities:** Alaska Statewide

**Grant Award Amount:** \$2,727,000

**Period of Performance:** Three Years

**Key Partnerships:** Alaska Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, Vocational Rehabilitation, Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation, Alaska Independent Living, Governor's Council on Disabilities, Veterans Employment and Training Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and community and non-profit service providers.

**Populations to be Served:** Individuals with Disabilities

**Project Description:** Alaska's Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) and the Employment Security Division (ESD) which administers the state's one-stop system, will incorporate sustainable strategies for serving adults with disabilities utilizing a logic model developed to frame general activities and outcomes. Their specific goals are to: 1) increase the number of adults with disabilities who use one-stop job centers to secure employment by 20%; 2) bring all one-stop job centers in Alaska to a level III of the Disability Program Navigator (DPN) Maturity Model; 3) increase the number of certified work incentive counselors and the number of customized and/or customized self-employment providers in Alaska by 15%; and 4) increase the availability of local resources (e.g., asset building, accessible transportation) that help job seekers with disabilities secure and maintain employment by 15%.

Alaska's project will be implemented in conjunction with the Alaska Works Initiative (AWI) and their Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. Sustainability strategies are focused on state-level policy development, capacity building and resource leveraging. Program design will include creating Employment Network capacity in the One-Stop job centers. Expanded services and resources provided by community rehabilitation providers and community organizations will be supported through funds that include WIA, vocational rehabilitation, behavioral health, Alaska's Mental Health Trust Authority, and senior and disabilities services.

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