

ARDOR Instructions for Statewide Broadband Task Force Funding

Submit a proposal to Connect Alaska that summarizes the applicant's community broadband planning project within the scope of Alaska's State Broadband Initiative, the relevant broadband issues in the region and the anticipated outcomes from the project.

Funding provided will serve to support broadband capacity building, regional planning, application development and usage activity. The funding is provided through the auspices of the Statewide Broadband Task Force, through the Connect Alaska Program Office. The activities should focus on one or more of the following areas:

- Providing local solutions for problems associated with broadband access or adoption
- Increasing digital literacy of Alaskans
- Providing educational information to Alaskan boroughs, communities, businesses, and other stakeholders about the importance of broadband connectivity and adoption in Alaska and/or the region
- Equipping local leaders with the knowledge, skills and capacity to stimulate broadband demand within their communities
- Encouraging increased use of broadband by small businesses
- Encouraging increased use of e-Government services
- Highlighting relevant broadband issues for the region

Background:

- Four (4) \$5000 TF contracts will be awarded each year through 2014.
- ARDOR proposals will be accepted for funding on a first come, first serve basis.
- All proposals beyond the first four received this year will be queued for next year's funding starting January 1, 2013.
- TF funding will be distributed on a cost reimbursable basis.
- ARDORs are encouraged to match TF funding with any other non-federal source. Possible sources of match include:
 - Staff and benefit cost funded through non-federal sources
 - Volunteer time recorded by community members
 - Travel costs incurred by volunteers/community members
 - Donated meeting space
 - Indirect and overhead costs funded through non-federal sources
- A written project summary of the activities and outcomes/deliverables of the project will be required upon project completion and due before a final payment is issued.

Submissions:

- Proposals must contain the name and short bio of the project manager, a statement of proposed work and a proposed budget.

Proposals can be submitted electronically to jdunn@connectak.org or by mail to: Connect Alaska, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1770, Anchorage, AK 99501.