FSMI $396.8K Request: UA Operational Budget-High Demand Programs

The FSMI is bringing state, university, public and private sector leaders together to agree on a coordinated workforce development response to the high demand for jobs that exist across these industries today. The Initiative supports the growing critical need of these industries for educated and trained Alaskans to support life-long careers throughout Alaska. The UA FSMI Working Group, industry and community partners prioritized 4 academic programs that: (a) will strengthen existing successful programs in high demand; (b) would have statewide benefits; and (c) clearly respond to needs identified in the McDowell FSMI Report and at our two industry forums. This modest funding request will begin to address FSM workforce development needs as soon as possible. A potential major funding request is delayed until the completion of a comprehensive industry-driven workforce development plan (see January 2013 FSMI Update). The 4 programs included in the funding request are:

Alaska Young Fishermen’s Summit (AYFS) ($43.9K): Four successful statewide leadership conferences - Alaska Young Fishermen’s Summits (AYFS) - have occurred from 2007 to 2012. The goal is to encourage upcoming leaders in Alaska’s commercial fisheries and enhance the business success of new and young fishermen. These Summits target commercial fishermen new to the business or considering a move from deckhand into owning a commercial fishing operation. To date, over 200 fishermen have attended an AYFS and with funding, more participation from remote coastal communities is anticipated.

Statewide Delivery: Certificate and AAS in Fisheries Technology ($167.0K): The UAS Fisheries Technology (FT) Program offers a Certificate and AAS degree delivered statewide. Graduates from the program work in fish hatcheries, mariculture, and as field technicians for state and federal agencies. UA campuses throughout coastal Alaska are starting to coordinate with UAS in offering FT courses tailored to their regions. This request is to support the educational mission and expansion of the program. Students across Alaska can enter into fisheries education and continue on for a BA or BS degree in Fisheries at UAF.

Alaska Seafood Processors Leadership Institute (ASPLI) ($56.5K): ASPLI was developed to provide the much needed technical and leadership training for the next generation of seafood plant managers to better understand Alaska’s place in the world markets, to broaden understanding of the complexity of the industry and to provide future industry leaders the tools to develop their careers. ASPLI is targeted at those mid-level plant employees identified as potential leaders by their plant supervisors. After three iterations, the ASPLI program has gained recognition as one of the few opportunities to encourage exceptional plant employees to continue their career development in the seafood industry.

Marine Technologies ($129.4K): This request expands on an existing successful UAS marine diesel program to continue meeting the need of FSM industries. It builds on the experience and expertise in providing quality online education, allowing faculty and staff across all three MAUs to work together in providing new education and training in Marine Refrigeration, Marine Hydraulics, Marine Electrical, and Marine Power Generation. The new courses will be available to land and sea-based fish processors, fishing vessel operators, UAS Power Technology students and the general public.
Our Mission:
- engaging fisheries, seafood and maritime sectors and community partners to assess, develop and deliver programs, training and research that prepare Alaskans to meet current and emerging workforce, economic and scientific needs.

The fishing, seafood and maritime sectors represent Alaska’s largest private employer and plays a significant role in our state’s economy. At a December 2011 summit convened by the Governor of Alaska, the Honorable Sean Parnell, the Chair of the Rasmuson Foundation, Ed Rasmuson, and the University of Alaska President Patrick Gamble committed to close engagement with the FSM industry sectors to meet the FSMI goals.

The FSMI Goals are:
1. Sustain and enhance the economy and the communities of Alaska by developing a responsive workforce that enables the fishing/seafood and maritime industries to stay vibrant and substantial contributors to the state;
2. Support Alaska’s workforce, particularly in coastal communities, in discovering and preparing for the wide range of employment opportunities in the fishing, seafood and maritime industries, and
3. Provide research to sustain resources on which these communities and sectors depend.

In Response to industry feedback at the October 2012 Forum and their commitment to more fully engage in developing a comprehensive statewide Workforce Development Plan, President Gamble invited a select group of industry and state agency representatives inviting them to participate on the newly formed Industry Advisory Committee (IAC).

Current Industry Advisory Committee Membership:
- Kris Norosz, Icicle Seafoods Inc. (IAC Co-Chair)
- Aggie Blandford (Laura Delgado), WACDA
- Vince O’Shea, Pacific Seafood Processors Assoc.
- Stephanie Madsen, At-Sea Processors Assoc.
- Doug Ward (Jason Custer), AK Ship & Drydock
- Reuben Yost, AK Marine Highway System, DOTPF
- Kurt Hallier, Marine Advisor, Conoco Phillips
- Julie Decker, United Fishermen of Alaska
- Russell Dick (Anthony Lindoff), Haa Aani, LCC
- Oliver Holm, Commercial Fisherman, Kodiak
- Pearle Strub, BBEDC, AWIB Board, Processor
- Candice Bressler, AD&G
- Wanetta Ayers, DOLWD-AWIB
- Helen Mehrkens, EED
- Glenn Haight, DCCED
- Rep. Bryce Edgmon (Tim Clark), State House
- Sen. Lyman Hoffman (Tim Grussendorf) State Senate

UA Working Group appointed by President Gamble:
- *Paula Cullenberg, UAF Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, FSMI Co-Chair;
- *Fred Villa, UA Statewide Office of Workforce Programs, FSMI Co-Chair;
- *Bonnie Nygard, Workforce Development, UAA;
- *Gunnar Knapp, UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research;
- *Mike Castellini, Dean, UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences;
- *Torie Baker, UAF, Acting Program Leader, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program;
- *Bernice Joseph, UAF Vice Chancellor Rural Community & Native Education;
- *Pete Pinney, UAF Assoc. Vice Chancellor, Rural Community & Native Education;
- *Rick Caulfield, UAS Provost;
- Terry Johnson, UAF Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program;
- Karen Schmitt, UAA Community and Technical College;
- Barbara Bolson, UAA Kodiak Campus;
- BJ Williams, UAA Prince William Sound Community College;
- Carol Swartz, UAA Kachemak Bay Campus;
- Deborah McLean, UAF Bristol Bay Campus;
- Mary Pete, UAF Kuskokwim Campus;
- Keith Criddle, UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences;
- Mark Herrmann, UAF School of Management;
- Kate Sullivan, UAS Ketchikan;
- Duane Heyman, UA Statewide University of Alaska Corporate Programs
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