

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Planning
Category: Education **Recipient:** Institute of the North
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2011

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project will provide funding to the Institute of the North, which is an educational organization that advances issues related to economic growth and sustainability in Alaska and throughout the Arctic region.

Funding:	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$100,000						\$100,000
Total:	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Project Description/Justification:

After 10 years as an off-campus program of Alaska Pacific University, the Institute of the North (ION) became its own 501(c) 3 non-profit educational organization in 2004 and continues to be a leader in advancing issues related to economic growth and sustainability in Alaska and throughout the Arctic region.

State of Alaska funding will enhance and expand programs that can strengthen the Alaska economy and improve needed Arctic transportation and communications infrastructure. Specifically, funds will be used to add one full time staff person, a part time staff person and a summer intern. This team will support the following ION projects:

- * Provide support for the Arctic shipping shuttle assessment
- * Enhance database of 680 northern airports
- * Monitor real-time weather cameras in Canada and Russia
- * Spearhead the Arctic Council's information and communications technology initiative
- * Support the International Arctic Energy Summit and Rural Power Conference being designed for the International Polar Year
- * Broaden the participation in the next Arctic Aviation Workshop planned for Churchill, Manitoba next fall
- * Enhance weekly web-based electronic newsletter that is read throughout the Arctic
- * Support the Missile Defense program