

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Education  
**Location:** Anchorage Areawide  
**House District:** Anchorage Areawide  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

**Project Type:** Planning  
**Recipient:** Institute of the North  
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**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.

<b>Funding:</b>	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Gen Fund	\$100,000						\$100,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$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 checked="" 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	0	0

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

FY07 \$75,000 SLA 2006 Ch. 82, Sec. 1, Page 16. Line 23

**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. The Institute is engaged in several programs to create "a connected Arctic" through new air routes, maritime shipping and telecommunications.

In fiscal year 2007, the State provided funding of \$75,000. As federal earmarks diminish, the Institute requests State support of \$150,000 for fiscal year 2008. This project provides partial funding of \$100,000.