

## FREE: Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Program (RACEJT) 2017



ADEC Spill Response training Class of 2016



Freon Recovery Hands-On Class of 2016

Will you be hiring any unemployed or under employed community members for environmental work such as solid waste work, site cleanup and fuel tank inspection, etc. under your IGAP or other grant workplan this year?? Or is there a project coming to the village this year that might hire locally? Do your community members need **job training**?

### **Applications Due November 22nd, 2016 for Free Job Training!!**

**WHAT:** Zender Environmental Health and Research Group is operating the 6th year of their Job Training Program (RACEJT) for unemployed rural residents. Accepted applicants will receive 4 weeks of training to qualify them to work as Rural Environmental Technicians. This training includes:

- HAZWOPER 40 Hr
- Confined Space
- Spill Response
- Fuel Tank Inspection and Maintenance
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Awareness
- 10 Hr Construction Safety
- CPR/First Aid
- Rural Alaska Landfill Operation
- Freon Removal
- Forklift Operation
- GPS/GIS and Basic Mapping; Short Course
- Alaska Certified Erosion & Sediment Control Lead
- Soil and Water Quality Sampling
- Workforce Development Skills

**WHEN and WHERE:** There are two, 2-week semesters required, with a two-week “Spring Break” in-between. Tentative Timeline

Semester 1: March 21 – April 5, 2017 in Anchorage, AK

Semester 2: April 18 - 30, 2017 in Anchorage, AK

**COST:** Thanks to the USEPA and the State of Alaska Department of Labor, full scholarships are available so the four-week training program is **free to most applicants!**

**OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT:** Graduates will receive 10 UAF college credits and will complete requirements for the University’s Occupational Endorsement as a Rural Solid Waste Management and Spill Response Technician.

**ELIGIBILITY:** RACEJT is open to all rural community members **that are unemployed.** Persons with less than 20 hours per week employment may apply as well. There are no other exceptions. You must be unemployed or underemployed to qualify.

**PRIORITY:** Priority is given to applicants who already have a potential employer that would like to hire them if they can complete the training. This includes folks who can be hired under IGAP or other grant workplans!

*‘I loved the RACEJT training. It provided me with a fuller understanding of how our systems work in the village or should be working anyways. I also learned ways to improve our garbage systems in the village. The training provided me with so many opportunities that I wouldn't have before. I was offered the chance to travel to different villages as I am the only one with current Freon removal certification and other solid waste training in our region. Currently, I have a fun job and I get to work with the community everyday!’ – Leilani Luhrs –Graduated 2012*

*“[RACEJT] will help my community because we will not have to hire out contractors because I was trained to assist! It’s helped me with re-employment and the training will pay off in the long run as well. That is very important when I live in the middle of nowhere. I would recommend this to any rural Alaska resident; the knowledge you will gain is priceless!” –Casey Thompson – Graduated 2015*

**For More Information,**

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