

# The Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Program

## ***RACEJT 2018***



Will you be hiring any unemployed or under employed community members for environmental work such as landfill work, site cleanup, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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
- Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
- 10 Hr Construction Safety
- CPR/First Aid
- Rural Alaska Landfill Operation
- Refrigerant Removal
- Forklift Operation
- GPS/GIS and Basic Mapping
- Alaska Certified Erosion and 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 15 – 28th, 2018 in Anchorage  
Semester 2: April 9 - 25, 2018 in Anchorage

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



**UNIVERSITY OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT:** Trainees can receive 11 UAF college credits and graduate with an Occupational Endorsement as a Rural Solid Waste Management and Spill Response Technician! Do you want this mini college degree? For students who need their tuition cost covered, **we will help you with seeking a tuition scholarship.**

**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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