



Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Program (RACEJT)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are the trainings free?

A: Yes, *this program is funded by the EPA so all the trainings are free of cost to participants.*

Q: Where are the trainings being held?

A: *This first year of the training program, all of the trainings will be held in Anchorage.*

Q: Are travel costs covered under the program?

A: Yes, *for the most part. There are two categories of travel funding. CATEGORY 1: If you were employed at a job that was covered by unemployment insurance either in the State of Alaska or another State, we can cover your full travel costs. CATEGORY 2: For others, we will be able to cover 50% to 100% of your travel. We have also identified additional scholarships through regional training and education programs that could pay for per diem. Please contact us for more details.*

Q: Do you have to be unemployed to attend the trainings?

A: *You must either be unemployed or underemployed (working less than 20 hours per week) to be eligible to participate in RACEJT. However, if the training courses are not full then we may be able to open them up to other individuals who would have to pay for travel.*

Q: If you already have your 40 hour HAZWOPER /40 hour Asbestos Abatement certification, do you have to go through the whole course again or is there a refresher being offered?

A: *No, if you already have an up-to-date 40 hour certification, you do not have to re-take the course. We will work with our Instructors to offer you a refresher course instead of retaking the entire training.*

Q: How do you submit an application?

A: *The application packet can be downloaded from our website at www.zendergroup.org/racejt.html and submitted by fax, regular mail or e-mail to our office by January 20th.*

Q: After the training, what kind of jobs are you qualified for?

A: *It will depend on which training track you choose; Solid and Hazardous Waste Management and Response (SHWMR) or Facility and Home Environmental Health (FHEH). Those participants that chose the SHWMR track will be qualified to clean up contaminated sites, manage landfills, work as a recycling coordinator, or other solid waste related positions. Those that chose to enter the FHEH track will be better suited to work in the construction trade demolishing dilapidated structures, weatherizing homes, or building energy efficient facilities. They will also be qualified as a building inspector for lead and asbestos.*

*If you have any additional questions, please contact Kim Govig,
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