

Socioeconomic

Breakout Group

Prioritization of Research Needs

1. Are rural k-12 and hub colleges supporting the trades?
Conduct a comparison study to look at Health Aids and VPSO programs as example of possible skilled labor program
2. What does a project developer mean in rural AK, and should/could project developers be a regional function?
3. Subsidies Impact Study – Steve will report back after Neil's study

Comparison Study for skilled labor in rural Alaska

How few exist for each region:

- Electricians
- Plumbers
- HVC
- Linemen
- Welders

What programs exist for:

- Electricians
- Plumbers
- HVC
- Linemen
- Welders

What is a project Developer in AK and could/should this be regionalized

- Look at successes – inside and outside of Alaska
- How can we solve issues such as creditworthiness, financial knowledge, funding multiple owners at the same time to make projects bigger and worth a project developers time. Lots of barriers to traditional lending.

Subsidies Impact Study

Appropriate group(s) to implement

- Need community by community data
- Should be data added to the Community Database online
- Include Capital projects as well: telephone, internet, water/sewer...

• Potential Funding Sources