



ALASKA ELECTRICAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Chugach Board of Directors Update

February 25, 2009

(Last Update August 2005)

Alaska Electrical Training School

Alaska Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Training Trust

Alaska Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association

Participating Alaskan Electric & Telephone Utilities

In association with IBEW Local 1547

Managed by Independent Board of Trustees from both
Labor and Management

Classroom & Job Training

<u>Program</u>	<u>Classroom Time</u>	<u>On-the-Job Training</u>
Linemen	24 weeks	8,000 hours
Wiremen (Electricians)	35 weeks	8,000 hours
Telecommunications	24 weeks	8,000 hours

Apprenticeship program is part of the National Program

Funding

Annual Budget 2009: 1.88 million

NECA contractors pay largest share at 55¢ per hour
(approximately \$1.2 million in 2008)

Contributions rates vary by collective bargaining
agreement and are based on hours worked

The program receives no government funding (Students from remote villages may receive STEP grant funds to help pay for travel room and board while in school. All apprentices can apply for STEP grant funds to assist with the cost of obtaining a CDL - a requirement by completion of 2,000 hours)

Utility Participation

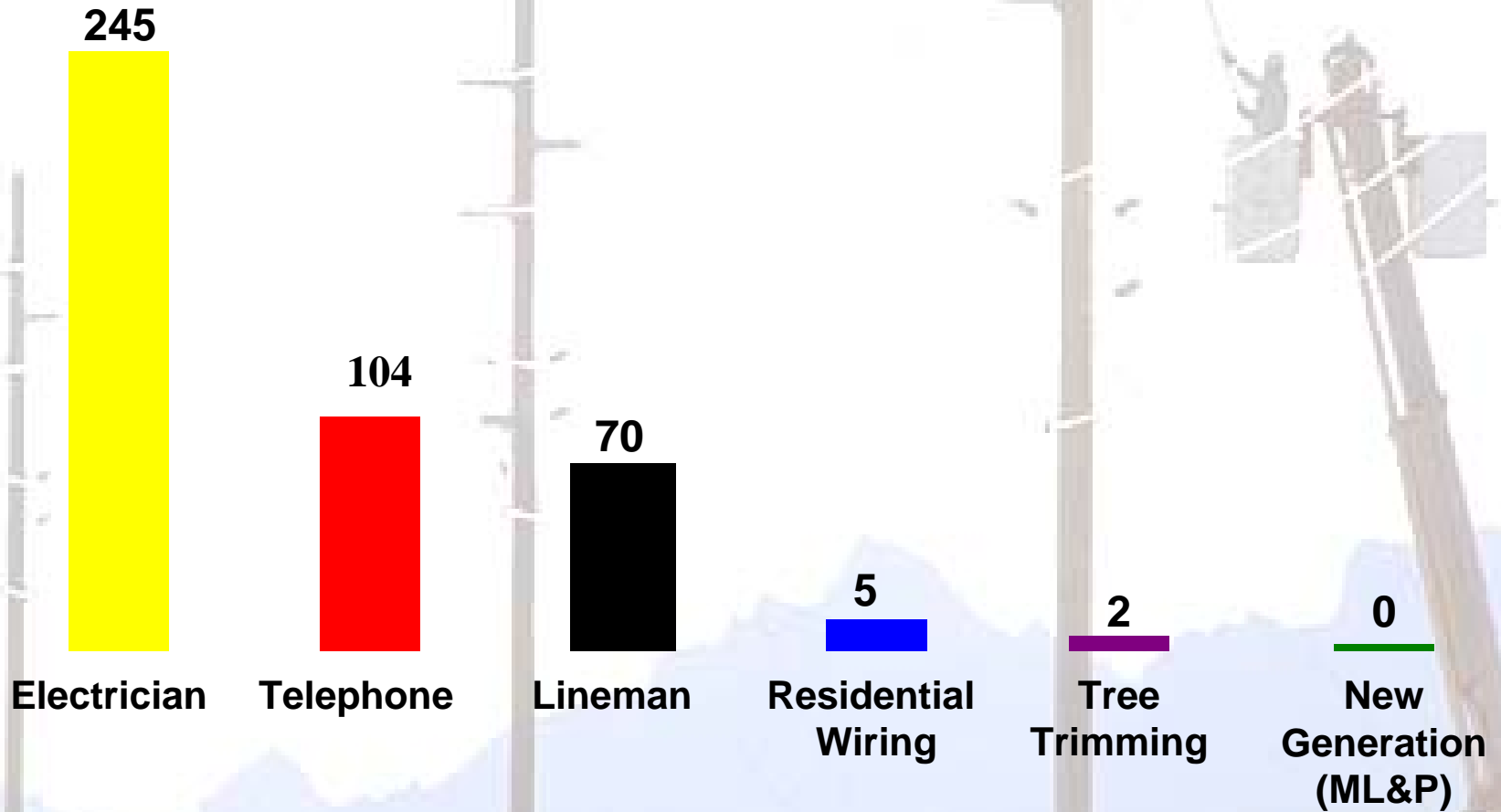
<u>Utility</u>	<u>¢ per hour</u>	<u># of employees</u>
Chugach	20¢	126
Employees	20¢	51
ACS	10¢	755+
GVEA	22¢	31
HEA	30¢	37
MEA	15¢	53
ML&P	20¢	30
AEL&P	30¢	30
NECA	55¢ (.65 on 4/1/09)	925 (est.)

Chugach & Employees contributed \$88,333 in 2008

Enrollment

Number of Apprentices in Program: 426

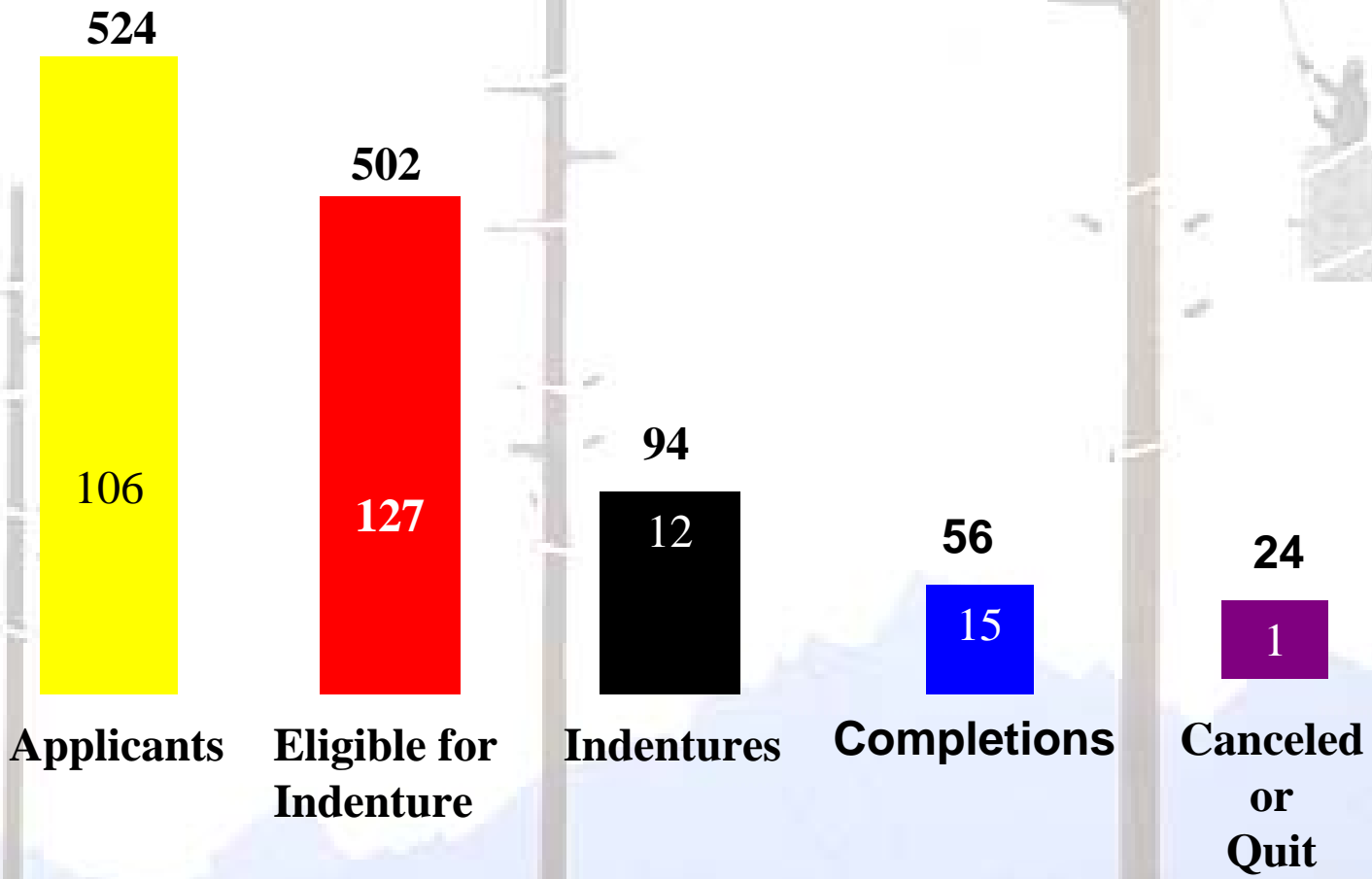
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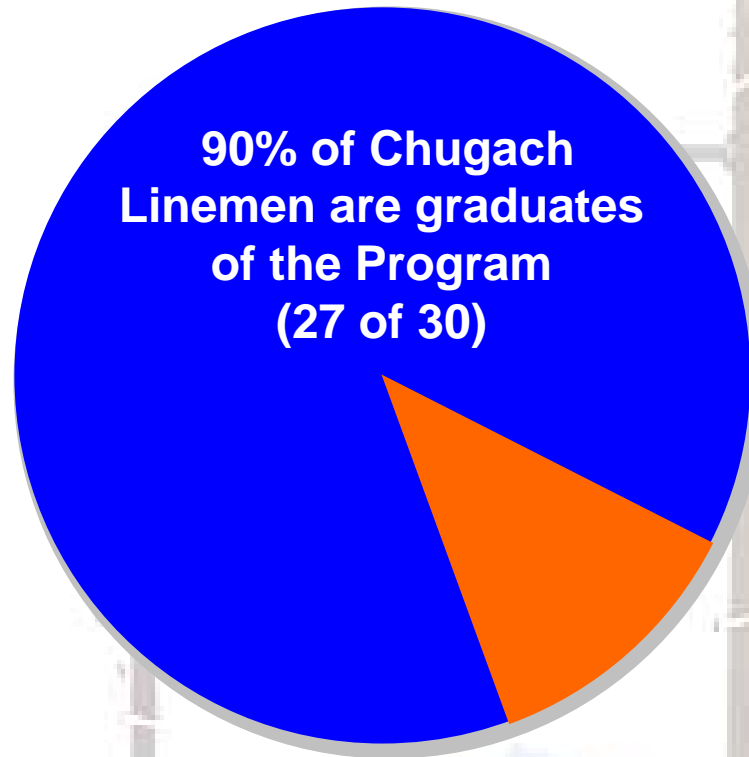
Indentures/Completions/Canceled

2008

Number Outside Bar is Total Program – Number Inside Bar is Line Only



Program Benefits to Chugach



All 4 summer temporary linemen will likely be graduates

Chugach employees in other classifications have graduated from the Electrician or Telephone Programs

Program Importance

**Chugach Linemen Retirements:
11 since 2006
4 anticipated in 2009**

The last 9 Chugach linemen retirees were replaced by graduates from our program

An internet search on Industry web pages reveals many employment opportunities across the U.S. and there are 12 ads for Linemen in the January issue of the NWPPA Bulletin

Program Importance

The majority of the replacements for the retiring employees will be graduates of our program

There is almost no “in migration” of skilled electrical and communications tradesmen to Alaska anymore

According to the BLS, 4,000 Lineworker positions are created each year for new needs and replacing retiring personnel. In 2007 there were approximately 102,000 Linemen in the USA

We have to grow our own

Program Importance

As a jointly operated program the utilities and contractors benefit by the consolidation of costs into one comprehensive, well managed statewide system that meets everyone's needs

Apprentices working at Chugach:

Line Operations: 3 anticipated - 09

Substation Department: 2 anticipated - 09

Alternative Lineman Training Programs

In Alaska

**There are 10 BAT Registered Lineman Programs in Alaska
AJEATT, 6 are Small Utility Companies, 1 is a Contractor
ABC of Alaska, Alaska Operating Engineers**

Outside Alaska

Northwest Linemen's College

(Meridian, ID & Oroville, CA)

Total Cost: \$10,535 plus living expenses

Consists of 16 weeks of training, including 550 hours of classroom sessions

**College literature states graduates: "will be ready for entry into 3 or 4
year utility company linemen training or other apprenticeship
programs." Brochure boasts a 87% placement rate.**



QUESTIONS