People In Power (PIP) Overcoming Challenges of Scale

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PIP - What and Why?

What?

- 10 community cohort, 5-6+ trainings
- Training funding for whole utility staff, and dedicated training coordinator

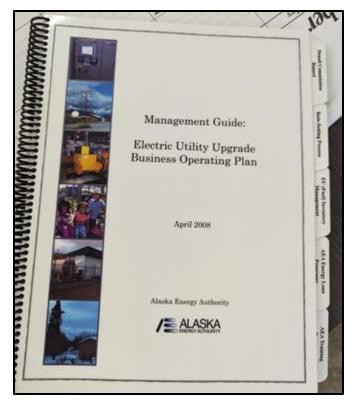


Why?

- 1. Utility performance and maintenance of infrastructure is positively correlated to a well-trained staff *and* community leadership
- 2. Individualized training plans and a dedicated coordinator can help communities build capacity and maximize training funds

People In Power Training

- Community-directed training topics, primarily hosted in-community
- Relationship-based and flexible
- Whole utility focus, 1+/ea:
 - 1. Governance
 - 2. Management
 - 3. Clerical
 - 4. Operations
- "Evergreen" resource development
- Pull together lessons learned from experienced people and programs





PIP Phase 2 Training Cohort

Lake and Peninsula Region:

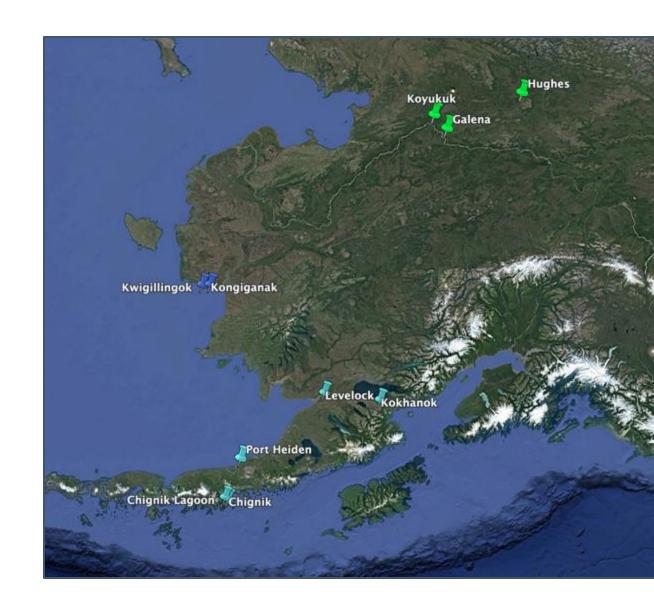
Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Port Heiden, Kokhanok, Levelock

Interior:

Galena, Hughes, Koyukuk

YK:

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PIP Timeline

- Phase 1: Dec 2022 Dec 2023
 - Development of program
 - Community outreach
 - Selection from 50->20->10
 - Community visits
 - o MOUs
 - Collaborative development of training topics
- Phase 2: Jan 2024 Feb 2025
 - 50+ trainings RurAL CAP Funding
- Phase 3: March 2025+
 - More work with existing cohort
 - New communities





Scaling Community Training

• "Fill every seat"

 Make the most of existing and new training efforts from other organizations

• "Train The Trainer"

 Deepen the bench and develop local and statewide talent

"One size does not fit all"

 Addressing timely and individual needs maximizes benefit to community



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