

Grantee Sentenced to Prison for Embezzling Federal Funds

On June 24, 2005, a project manager from Fairbanks, Alaska, was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska to 9 months in prison, 3 years probation, a \$104,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment. This sentencing followed the project manager's guilty plea to one count of embezzlement of Federal funds.

EPA had awarded two grants to Minority Education and Entrepreneurship Training, Inc., and one grant to Fairbanks Family Alternative, with the same project manager on all three grants. The purpose of the grants was to train and certify people in asbestos and lead paint removal. The investigation determined that the project manager embezzled some of the funds for personal use, including operating his wife's construction company.

In addition to the criminal sentence imposed on the project manager, the grantees and the project manager's family have been suspended from participating in Government procurement and nonprocurement activities.

This investigation was conducted jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.