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Jobs are Alaska's Future



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## Resident Hire Law Renewed

JUNEAU – The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development has renewed the resident hire determination applicable to publicly funded state construction projects.

Alaska resident hire requirements apply to occupational categories with relatively high resident unemployment rates. Under this provision, the commissioner of the Department of Labor has statutory authority to enforce a 90-percent Alaska resident hire for designated job classifications on certain public works contracts throughout the state.

Based on an analysis of the most recent employment data available, the Department of Labor has determined that an Alaska resident hiring preference shall apply in 21 out of 22 potential occupational categories. This number represents a net increase of five occupational categories over the Department of Labor’s last determination, which was made in 2005.

“The data prove that we need to work even harder to provide training and create job opportunities for Alaskans,” said Click Bishop, Commissioner of the Department of Labor. “To complement our efforts here at the department, I challenge all employers in Alaska to develop apprentice training programs and start growing their own workforce with local Alaskans.”

The statewide hiring preference, which covers most public construction contracts, applies on a workweek basis to each occupational category on each individual project. The determination is effective from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009. The resident hire requirements allow for hiring nonresident workers only after reasonable efforts to recruit Alaskans have been unsuccessful. The occupational categories covered by the resident hire determination are listed below.

Boilermakers	Foremen and Supervisors	Plumbers and Pipefitters
Bricklayers	Insulation Workers	Roofers
Carpenters	Ironworkers	Sheet Metal Workers
Cement Masons	Laborers	Surveyors
Culinary Workers	Mechanics	Truck Drivers
Electricians	Painters	Tug Boat Workers
Equipment Operators	Piledriving Occupations	Welders

The Department of Labor’s Division of Labor Standards and Safety enforces Alaska’s resident hire requirements on public construction projects.

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