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### Labor Responds to Alaska Railroad Workers Facing Layoffs

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development will provide support to Alaska Railroad workers who are facing layoffs.

The railroad yesterday announced it will lay off as many as 55 workers and will not fill additional vacant and seasonal positions. This will represent about 20 percent of the railroad's current workforce.

"We are working closely with the Alaska Railroad's human resources staff and have workshops for the affected workers scheduled for early October in Anchorage and Fairbanks," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "I encourage those who are affected to take advantage of the assistance that we can offer."

Commissioner Bishop directed a rapid response team in the Department's Employment Security Division to begin providing extensive employment and training services.

"We will provide workers with information on unemployment insurance benefits, job training and support services, career assessments and counseling, interview training and resume writing," Employment Security Division Director Tom Nelson said. "Other services will include skills enhancement training, immediate job search assistance and labor market information."

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Alaska Job Center Network

<http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov>

Rapid Response

<http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov/RR/index.html>

Layoff Guide

<http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov/RR/Documents/rr-layoff-guide.pdf>