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Alaska Hire Determination Is Effective Today *Labor Department's top priority is jobs for Alaskans*

JUNEAU: The Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Alaska Hire determination is effective today. It requires that 90% of state-funded public construction jobs be filled by Alaska residents. This determination restores statewide Alaska Hire requirements after the 2013 determination, which was limited to 15 boroughs and census areas. The Labor Department restored statewide Alaska Hire requirements based on statutory criteria in A.S. 36.10.150 and economic data gathered by the department's Research and Analysis Division.

"When our state tax dollars fund construction projects, Alaskans should be hired for those jobs," said Commissioner Heidi Drygas.

Governor Walker and Commissioner Drygas announced the Alaska Hire determination on June 11, in advance of the effective date, to give contractors an opportunity to consider impacts on projects with a final bid submission deadline on or after July 1, 2015. After announcing the determination, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development sent contractors detailed information on Alaska Hire requirements. The determination will not be applied to projects with a bid date prior to July 1, 2015, unless the project was covered by the 2013 determination.

Alaska Hire requirements apply on a project-by-project, craft-by-craft basis, and must be met each work week by contractors and subcontractors. The department's Wage and Hour staff oversee Alaska Hire standards, and contractors with questions regarding Alaska Hire should contact their local Wage and Hour office:

Anchorage Wage and Hour office: 269-4900
Juneau Wage and Hour office: 465-4842
Fairbanks Wage and Hour office: 451-2886

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