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QUARTERLY REPORTING IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

The Alaska Department of Labor has developed on-line web services for Quarterly Contribution Reporting. The on-line process allows you to:



- Enter wage information
- Upload wage details by sending a computer file over the web
- Submit zero or "no wages" reports

To use these services, follow the web links on the Employment Security Tax home page: <http://www.labor.state.ak.us/estax/home.htm>

ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS

To use the on-line Alaska Quarterly Contribution Reporting, you will need:

- An Alaska employer ID number on record with ES Tax
- A Federal Identification Number with the IRS
- A Personal Identification Number (PIN) that will be issued on-line as part of the new web service.

SECURITY

Transmission of confidential data will be protected by Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology with high encryption coding.



If you have questions, please feel free to contact ES Tax at 1-888-448-3527

2003 TAX RATES AND TAXABLE WAGE BASE

By the time you receive this newsletter, the employer tax rates for 2003 will be in the mail. The taxable wage base for 2003 is \$26,700 and the employee portion is .50%. If you have any questions about your rate, please call the Employer Accounts Specialist Unit at our Central Office located in Juneau at 1-888-448-3527 or 907-465-2757.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD FOR SERVING ALASKA'S

The Employment Security Division (ESD) is the recipient of the prestigious, national "Prism Award," (with \$25,000 grant prize), recognizing the agency's exceptional service to Alaska's employers in fulfilling their hiring and recruiting needs by the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies.

ESD transformed a service delivery model to help Anchorage-area employers recruit and hire qualified workers under a program called the Business Connection, which operates from five "one-stop" job center locations in the Anchorage and Mat-Su area. The Business Connection assists employers with on-site recruitments, including coordinating application screenings, interviewing, testing and assessment, and group employee orientations. In a month before opening a new South Anchorage store, the Business Connection recruited and screened 1,000 applicants for Fred Meyer's 300 job vacancies; 296 full and part-time positions were filled as a result. Mary Lucas, Regional Human Resource Supervisor of Fred Meyer said about her experiences using the Business Connection, "The staff made us feel very welcome and could not have been more helpful in accommodating our ever-changing needs."

The project emphasizes customized services for employers who need help finding workers, often on large-scale hires. Success stories include a long list of Alaska's big-name businesses, such as Fred Meyer, United Airlines, Federal Express, Providence Health Systems, and Raytheon that have used the Business Connection to hire a qualified labor force.

ESD plans to use the award money to enhance Business Connection services and extend the successful practices throughout the state's network of Alaska Job Centers, which include 23 statewide centers, providing both on-line and in-person services to thousands of employers and job seekers on an annual basis. Check out the Business Connection at www.alaskabusinessconnection.com

