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Mining Trainees Graduate; Start Jobs

(Juneau) – The Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development announced today the graduation of 18 mining industry trainees from a two-week intensive introduction to crafts training program. The graduates received certificates of completion from Northern Industrial Training (NIT) and University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), as well as the National Center for Construction Education and Research.

“We now have 18 individuals ready to go to work in the mining industry,” said Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Greg O’Claray.

The training program covered structural ironwork, millwright, pipefitting, pipe welding, electrical work, equipment operation and safety. The Industrial Company (TIC), the prospective employer of program graduates, contracted with NIT to provide core curriculum instructors and TIC had their skilled employees teach the skilled training portion.

Students attended an introduction to the Kensington Mine mill site the day after graduation. Employment interviews began the following week for positions with TIC.

“Six of the graduates will begin working immediately, and plans call for an additional six to be added each week thereafter until all are on board by the mid-September,” said TIC Construction Manager Ken Dean.

The success of this effort was due to collaboration between Coeur Alaska, TIC, UAS, UAA/Mining & Petroleum Training Service, the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development’s Division of Business Partnerships and Juneau Job Center, Berners Bay Consortium, and Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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