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### U.S. Department of Labor Awards IT Security Grants

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development announced today that Alaska's unemployment insurance program has been awarded \$194,000 by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration to improve information technology security.

The award, which is made up of four grants, includes \$89,000 for an off-site back-up facility, \$39,000 to deploy a centralized anti-virus solution, \$36,000 for firewall upgrades and \$30,000 for security related training.

"The Alaska Department of Labor's Employment Security Division is committed to providing a high level of service to Alaska employers and job seekers, and to the timely payment of benefits," said Click Bishop, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

"Today's rapidly changing technological environment requires that agencies adopt security controls to protect information and information systems," Bishop said.

Tom Nelson, director of the department's Employment Security Division, said, "Improving the security and integrity of the unemployment insurance system is of paramount importance to the Employment Security Division. Our goal has been and continues to be ensuring that UI benefits for Alaskans are processed and paid in a timely manner."

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