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### **Alaska Veterans' Job Fair connects veterans with employers**

(Anchorage, AK) – More than 60 statewide businesses will highlight career and employment opportunities for Alaska veterans at the Alaska Veterans' Job Fair on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Muldoon Job Center at 1251 Muldoon Road in Anchorage.

The job fair, which is hosted by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“The job fair is a great opportunity to support our veterans and their families including those recently returning to Alaska from military assignments,” said Labor Commissioner Click Bishop. “We’ve invited an outstanding group of Alaska employers to join us, and they’ll benefit from hiring these workers.”

Alaska’s military veterans are highly skilled, disciplined and experienced in a wide array of fields, from sophisticated equipment operations to high-tech communication, logistics and operational management, Bishop said.

“The priority focus of the job fair will be to connect Alaska veterans with companies that recognize the long-term value of hiring proficient, well-trained employees,” said Tom Nelson, director of the department’s Employment Security Division. “Veterans are noted for their excellent work ethic and integrity. They have strong problem-solving skills and the ability to work in diverse environments.”

There are more than 70,000 veterans in Alaska, which is roughly 15 percent of the state’s population.

Governor Sarah Palin has proclaimed November as “Hire a Veteran Month.”

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