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Labor Department Participates in Alaska Career Fairs

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development will hold a career fair on Monday, April 20 in Emmonak, which will be open to all area residents, including those from Alakanuk, Kotlik and Nunam Iqua.

Employment and training specialists will also participate in career fairs in Shaktoolik on April 21, Gambell on April 22, St. Michael on April 23 and Chevak on May 1.

Department staff will conduct outreach visits in Savoonga on April 28, Shishmaref on May 11, Stebbins on May 13, Gambell on May 19-20 and St. Michael on May 27.

Areas of Western Alaska have been hit by cold snaps, high fuel prices and poor commercial salmon harvests. Through a multi-stage approach, the Department of Labor is responding by providing information about jobs and job training directly to residents.

“We have sent members of our staff directly to the villages that have been impacted,” Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. “These career fairs and community outreach continue our long-term commitment to help all Alaskans improve their skills and their ability to compete in today’s workplace.”

At the Emmonak Career Fair job seekers will have a chance to interview directly with employers, learn about job openings in law enforcement and in the seafood, travel and tourism industries, and discover job training opportunities. Six employers will be at the career fair – Alaska State Troopers, Association of Village Council Presidents, Westward Seafoods, Golden Alaska, Ocean Beauty and Kwikpak Fisheries.

“Four others – Yardarm Knot, Pederson Point, Togiak Fisheries and Alaska General Seafoods – will allow our staff to pre-screen job seekers at the Emmonak fair,” Commissioner Bishop said. “In addition to year-round jobs, the seasonal jobs offered by many of these employers would mesh with rural lifestyles.”

The department’s Business Connection works year-round to schedule employer recruiter visits around Alaska that provide opportunities for job seekers to link directly with employers.

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Job Fair Calendar & Recruiting
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