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### **March 23-25 Governor's Safety Conference to Focus on Transportation, Performance**

JUNEAU, Alaska—The annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference will be March 23-25 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. The conference, "Driving Safety for Alaska's Future," is open to employers, employees, safety and health professionals and the general public.

"Transportation incidents are responsible for the majority of work-related deaths in Alaska," said Grey Mitchell, director of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Labor Standards and Safety Division. "Sponsored by the Alaska Safety Advisory Council, this year's conference will provide focus through several courses and a keynote address aimed at reducing transportation accidents."

Other course offerings will assist employers to improve performance and reduce workers' compensation and providing safety and health education for all Alaskans. In addition to transportation, this year's conference will provide specialized training on safety and health for rural Alaska, youth safety and health, and electrical arc flash hazards.

OSHA 10-hour certification courses will begin on March 23 and the opening ceremonies and trade show will begin on March 24. The conference luncheon and award ceremony will be March 25 at noon, and will recognize Alaska businesses that exemplify good corporate citizenship and a commitment to worker health and safety.

Conference coordinators expect up to 300 attendees representing a cross section of industries in Alaska including oil and gas, construction, health care, tourism, recreation, state and local government, Alaska Native corporations, aviation, mining, timber and fishing.

Exhibitor space is available for safety or health related products or services. Registration and more information is available online at <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/asac.htm> or by calling 907-269-4955.

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