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Alaska Veterans Job Fair Nov. 2 in Anchorage; Virtual Hiring Event Nov. 2-16

JUNEAU, Alaska—More than 135 employers, education, training and apprenticeship providers are expected at the Alaska Veterans Job Fair, “Hiring Our Heroes,” on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. at the University Center in Anchorage.

“In addition to the Alaska men and women serving in the armed forces around the globe, more than 77,000 veterans and their family members call Alaska home – the highest per capita population of veterans in the nation,” Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. “The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development has held one of the nation’s most successful job fairs for veterans each year – this year we have more than twice as many employers than ever before.”

The annual career and job fair, which serves almost 1,000 veterans and their families, is also accessible online through a new virtual component at VirtualCareerEvent.com/AlaskaVeterans from Nov. 2-16. No password is required. If they don’t have internet access, job seekers can go to any Alaska Job Center to access the virtual fair.

The Alaska Veterans Job Fair is co-sponsored by Morris Alaska Media Group, University Center and Furniture Alaska, Inc., University of Alaska Anchorage, Princess Tours, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, VETS and Employer Support of The Guard and Reserve.

“Today’s veterans offer Alaska businesses the benefits of their vast competencies and the skills, education, leadership and dedication learned during their military service,” Bishop said.

Gov. Sean Parnell proclaimed November as “Hire a Veteran Month,” although Alaska’s employers are encouraged to connect with veterans and jobseekers all year.

Veterans have been recognized and honored during the month of November in Alaska and across the nation for many years. Veterans Day, observed on Nov. 11, is the anniversary of the World War I armistice that ended hostilities on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.

Alaska’s Jobs for Veterans Program places emphasis on service to veterans at the Alaska Job Centers. Priority of Service is provided for all veterans and eligible persons at our job centers or through online

services. Veterans Representatives are located in the Job Centers in Anchorage, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai and Mat-Su.

The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University Center at 3801 Old Seward Highway. The job fair is open to the public and there is no fee to attend. Job seekers are encouraged to bring a resume and dress for potential interviews.

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Governor's Proclamation "Hire a Veteran Month"

Labor.Alaska.Gov/news/proclamations/2011-10-Hire_A_Veteran_Month.pdf

Alaska Job Center Network

Jobs.Alaska.Gov/offices/

Alaska Veterans Fair Virtual Career Event

VirtualCareerEvent.com/AlaskaVeterans

Alaska Veterans' Fair Special Section

AlaskaMagazine.com/ajocremote/VeteransCareerEvent/