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### **More Than 8,000 Alaskans Still Eligible for Trade Adjustment Training**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Alaskans who were displaced from their jobs due to the impact of international trade may still be eligible for benefits and services, which may include training, job search relocation and health care assistance.

“We estimate more than 8,000 Alaskans are eligible for services and many do not realize they are still eligible,” Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said.

The federally funded Trade Adjustment Assistance program was created in 1974 to help workers obtain new employment.

“With Alaska Job Centers seeing increased numbers of job seekers and more Alaskans filing for unemployment insurance, we are reaching out to workers who have previously been identified as eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits due to losing a job because of competition from foreign trade,” said TAA Coordinator Heidi Carlson.

Between 1997 and 2005, foreign trade affected more than 119 companies in Alaska. Some of those include ARCO, BP and Chevron, as well as the contractors that supported them such as Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Doyon Drilling and Peak Oilfield Service Company.

“The affected workers would have been notified at the time of the layoff,” Carlson said. “But we are attempting to reach these workers who might need training for a new job, as TAA training benefits never expire.”

Workers who have been laid off are encouraged to view a list of companies that are eligible for TAA online at [Jobs.Alaska.Gov/taa/forms/Past\\_Petitions.pdf](http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov/taa/forms/Past_Petitions.pdf).

Employers who are facing layoffs that may be due to foreign competition may contact the Alaska Department of Labor for assistance. Information on the application process is online at [Jobs.Alaska.Gov/taa/process.html](http://Jobs.Alaska.Gov/taa/process.html).

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