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### Labor Renews Alaska Resident Hire Determination

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development has renewed the resident hire determination applicable to publicly funded construction projects, effective today.

“We are committed to providing every opportunity for Alaskans to get good, high paying jobs here in Alaska,” Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. “This determination, along with several other key workforce development initiatives developed with the help of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board, will help ensure that Alaskans are prepared and have the best opportunity to go to work.”

Alaska resident hire requirements apply to occupational categories with relatively high resident unemployment rates. An Alaska resident hiring preference will apply in 21 out of 23 potential occupational categories, based on an analysis of the most recent employment data available.

“We analyze general unemployment factors in Alaska, the percentage of qualified Alaskans who are unemployed in a particular classification and the percentage of nonresidents employed in a classification,” said Grey Mitchell, Labor Standards and Safety director. “If more than 10 percent of qualified Alaskans are unemployed and more than 10 percent of workers in a particular classification are non-residents, then that classification is eligible for the 90 percent Alaska hire preference.

The statewide hiring preference, which covers most public construction contracts in Alaska, applies on a work-week basis to each occupational category on each individual project. The determination is effective from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

The resident hire requirements allow for hiring non-resident workers only after reasonable efforts to recruit Alaskans have been unsuccessful. The occupational categories covered by the resident hire determination are listed below.

Boilermakers  
Bricklayers  
Carpenters  
Cement Masons  
Culinary Workers  
Electricians  
Equipment Operators

Foremen and Supervisors  
Insulation Workers  
Ironworkers  
Laborers  
Mechanics  
Millwrights  
Painters

Piledriving Occupations  
Plumbers and Pipefitters  
Roofers  
Sheet Metal Workers  
Truck Drivers  
Tug Boat Workers  
Welders

The [Division of Labor Standards and Safety](#) enforces Alaska's resident hire requirements on public construction projects.

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