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Labor Commissioner Renews Alaska Employment Preference Determination *Public construction projects to maintain 90 percent Alaska resident employment*

JUNEAU, Alaska— Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Heidi Drygas is issuing an Alaska Employment Preference determination continuing the requirement that 90 percent of jobs on state-funded construction projects will be held by Alaska residents. Alaska Employment Preference determinations are based on economic data gathered by the department's Research and Analysis section comparing Alaska and nationwide unemployment rates.

"The Employment Preference determination reinforces our commitment to ensuring that Alaskans have the opportunity to work on Alaska public construction projects," said Commissioner Drygas.

The determination becomes effective July 1, 2017 and will remain in effect through June 30, 2019. Commissioner Drygas issued a similar determination in 2015.

The Alaska resident employment preference applies on a project-by-project, craft-by-craft basis, and must be met each work week by contractors and subcontractors. Contractors seeking additional information about these requirements should contact the nearest Wage and Hour regional office:

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