

Arco contractor collects blood

When the 1986 Sealift was getting underway at the Kuparuk field on the North Slope this summer, plans were being made for the "1986 Bloodlift," sponsored by Brown & Root Inc., a contractor for Arco Alaska Inc.

The bloodlift is part of the community service program of Brown & Root. Blood Bank of Alaska Inc. undertook the actual collection of blood at the Kuparuk site recently.

A total of two days were spent collecting blood. According to Betty De Long, community resource coordinator for Blood Bank of Alaska, this was one of the more successful blood drives undertaken by her organization.

The blood collected will be used for people who are patients in Alaska.

Nationally, about 10 million pints are required each year to meet the transfusion needs of patients who live in the United States, but only about 5 percent of those eligible to be blood donors actually give.

At the Brown & Root job, more than half of the current workforce volunteered to give blood during the "1986 Bloodlift."

Also participating with Brown & Root were employees of Universal Services Inc. and Wackenhut of Alaska Inc.