

Team Places 45 Kotzebue Men to Work

JUNEAU—The Department of Labor's Smaller Communities Program team placed 45 Kotzebue residents with oil industry related employers on the North Slope, Governor Keith H. Miller announced.

The Governor said the placements were made during the first three weeks of the team's current visit in the Northwest Alaska community to conduct a manpower resource survey.

In addition to the 45 placements, the SCP team referred 11 persons to the Alaska Skill Center at Seward for training and identified 20 young men for referral to the Job Corps training program.

Also, six others were referred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for consideration in the Project Hire Program of the Department of Defense.

"These 82 placements and referrals resulted from the SCP team's processing of 150 job applications and job-training questionnaires from Kotzebue residents," Miller said, "More placements and referrals will undoubtedly be made as the team moves its operations to the area surrounding Kotzebue."

According to the Governor, the team will be in the Kotzebue area until early May.

This is the third manpower resource survey conducted by the SCP team with the cooperation of local officials, civic leaders and organizations.

Similar skill inventories have been made in the Barrow-Wainwright area and along the proposed route of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System from Tok to Valdez.

"The Department of Labor organized the SCP team in June 1969," Governor Miller said "It is a vital part of our human resource development efforts to promote the hiring of Alaskans first within the State."