

Back wages unclaimed by Alaskans, says Labor Dept.

Seattle—The U.S. Department of Labor today announced it is holding a total of \$23,111 in back wages for 42 unlocated persons whose last known addresses were in the state of Alaska.

Joe Garcia, regional administrator for the Employment Standards Administration here, said the money represents back wages owed the individuals under provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, the Service Contracts Act, and the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts.

After the Agency's Wage Hour Division collected the back

wages, it was then unable to locate the individuals to make payment, he said.

The Department can hold the money for a period of up to three years after which it is returned to the U.S. Treasury or to the employer, depending upon the circumstances of recovery.

Garcia said persons who believe they may be due back wages should contact the Seattle Regional Office of the Wage-Hour Division, Room 3032 Federal Office Building, 909 First Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98174, telephone 206-442-1904.