

State Department of Labor Has Monumental Job Finding Jobs

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JUNEAU—Alaska's Department of Labor is committed to a job which Solomon himself might find difficult to fill. The department, among other chores, is charged by statute with responsibility for finding jobs for Alaska's 107,000 workers and for keeping them reasonably contented in their work.

Commissioner of Labor Thomas J. Moore, who heads the statewide organization, admits he has a tough assignment, but he claims the work has its lighter moments and its rewards.

Moore said one of the biggest jobs the department has to face, month in and month out, is a high unemployment rate. Currently, about 10 percent of the state's work force is unemployed, at least part of the time.

Moore attributes the high unemployment rate, which is three times the national average, to three factors: A growing influx of unskilled outsiders, the seasonal nature of many jobs in Alaska, and a high incidence of untrained and unskilled labor.

Commissioner Moore pointed out that the unemployment rate for Alaskan labor only partially points out the unemployment problem. Moore stated that, "The 10-percent-plus unemployment rate only depicts those in covered employment—those

whose earnings are reported for unemployment insurance payments. This does not accurately depict the unemployment among Alaska's native population, many of whom have never formally been in the labor market but have engaged in a subsistence economy."

What is Alaska's Department of Labor doing about the unemployment problem? What are some of the long-range plans? Moore said the Department of Labor is doing several things to soften the problem. He cited a few of them.

"The problem of providing assistance to the great number of Alaskans who have been largely deprived of equal opportunities in employment, education and training is one which has been with us for a long time," he said.

"The Alaska State Employment Service of the Employment Security Division has made consistent attempts over the years to obtain financial support in its budget requests to provide adequately for a realistic manpower service, but the federal Bureau of Employment Security has given only sporadic recognition to our program. But we are continuing to work at the problem."

"Our State Employment Service has made some modest gains in outreach programs for many of our natives in rural Alaska through selection and referral to the federal Manpower Development Training Act (MDTA) project for skill-training opportunities. This program is being expanded all over the state."

"Recently, a building was completed in Bethel to house our "outreach" service in that area. The office is staffed by Mr. Robert Nick, who has made considerable progress in finding jobs for local people in the shellfish industry. A similar building is in the process in the Glennallen area, and we hope to staff that office in the next 30 days."

"Staff members from our Fairbanks, Juneau and Anchorage offices are now making regular trips to outlying com-

munities to counsel with the unemployed. We are giving particular attention to unemployed natives."

"We would like to see indigenous representatives out-stationed in other key rural areas, such as Dillingham, Kotzebue and Barrow, but we have not been successful in getting federal financing for such plans, or in meeting the U. S. Department of Labor formula for establishing full-time employment offices in such rural labor markets."

Moore said he is optimistic about the plans of the newly created Rural Manpower Service of the U. S. Department of Labor. The service was put into initial operation in July; its main purpose is to find permanent employment for unemployed rural workers. The service will work closely with the Alaska State Employment Service and other state and federal agencies.

Moore said he thinks Alaska residents (those who have lived in the state for at least one year) should be given preference, if qualified, in job placement. He also said he believes Alaska will have to bear a high rate of unemployment until the area is further developed.

"We are doing everything we can to find good-paying jobs for our unemployed people, but we are not magicians," Moore said. "Let's face it. We have more unemployed people right now than we have jobs to offer. Hopefully, we will one day soon reach a happy medium. The fast-developing oil strike on the Arctic Slope may solve many of our problems in unemployment, but there, too, we must convince the industry to hire Alaskans—especially Alaskan natives—and stem the importation of outside labor."

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Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials and performing all work on Project ER-AD-31(1); Cape Chiniak, described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, September 12, 1968, in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project consists of grading, drainage, and slope protection of 2.5 miles of roadway at nine separate locations along the Cape Chiniak road, Kodiak Island, State of Alaska. Principal items of work consist of the following: 83,000 cubic yards of unclassified excavation; 44,800 cubic yards of selected material; 8,200 cubic yards of subbase, grading A; 1,258 linear feet of asbestos bonded bituminous coated corrugated metal pipe ranging in size from 18" diameter to 96" diameter; 10,530 cubic yards of riprap, class III; and miscellaneous items of work. All work shall be completed by November 1, 1969.

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Commissioner of Highways

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Bartlett Urges Oil Companies To Promote Jobs for Alaskans

WASHINGTON—Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett has requested top officials of two major oil companies to cooperate with Alaska in efforts to promote jobs for Alaskans in development of Arctic petroleum reserves.

Bartlett made his request in letters to Robert O. Anderson, Atlantic-Richfield board chairman, and Rawleigh Warren Jr., president of Mobil Oil Co. Both firms are engaged in oil exploration and development on Alaska's North Slope.

Bartlett referred to reports that Canadian workers rather than Alaskan workers were being employed by both companies in Alaska.

"If Alaska is to prosper it is important that its citizens share in the benefits that come from the development of Alaska's mineral resources," Bartlett said.

It is particularly important that Alaska's Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts share in the prosperity which can be created by development of Alaska's mineral resources, he said.

"I am confident that Mobil and Atlantic-Richfield share these interests of mine," Bartlett said.

"I am hopeful that the reports which we have received

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This project consists of grading, drainage, and hot bituminous pavement of 4.97 miles of the Glenn Highway located approximately 43 miles northerly of Anchorage, Alaska. Principal items of work consist of the following: 200,000 cubic yards of unclassified excavation; 31,000 cubic yards of structure excavation; 24,000 cubic yards of crushed aggregate base; 27,000 cubic yards of subbase; 9,500 tons of hot bituminous pavement; 6,200 linear feet of 36" pipe conduit; 11,000 linear feet of 6" chain link fence; 277,000 square feet of topsoil; and miscellaneous utility and roadway items of work.

All work shall be completed by July 31, 1970.

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do not indicate any company policy and that Mobil and Atlantic-Richfield operations in Alaska, as they grow and prosper in the months and years ahead, will make full use of Alaska labor and in particular that the companies will join me in my efforts to find more jobs for Alaskans," he said.

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This project consists of grading, drainage, and hot bituminous pavement of 8.3 miles of the Glenn Highway located approximately 12 miles northerly of Anchorage, Alaska. Included in the construction will be a composite steel and concrete bridge across Peters Creek, measuring 168 feet long with a clear roadway of 41 feet 7 inches.

Improvement to the Birchwood Loop Road will consist of grading and drainage of 0.7 miles of roadway.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 134 acres of clearing and grubbing; 980,000 cubic yards of unclassified excavation; 133,000 cubic yards of selected material and 26,000 cubic yards of borrow; 69,000 tons of crushed aggregate base; 16,600 tons of subbase, grading A and 78,000 tons of grading B; 14,300 tons of hot bituminous pavement; 71,400 linear feet of woven wire fence and 17,700 linear feet of 6" chain link fence; Approximately 287 cubic yards of class A concrete; Approximately 83,000 pounds of A36 and 47,800 pounds of A441 structural steel, furnished, fabricated, and erected; Telephone line adjustments, all required; and miscellaneous roadway and bridge items of work.

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The Department of Fish and Game announces that proposals for specific changes in the regulations for commercial fishing, sport fishing, and brown grizzly bears are now being solicited. Such proposals must be received by the Department of Fish and Game, Support Building, Juneau, Alaska 99801, no later than 5:00 PM, October 4, 1968, in order to be considered by the Board of Fish and Game at its fall meeting.

The fall meeting will be concerned primarily with changes in the commercial and sport fishing regulations; however, for the first time the Board will consider changes in game regulations dealing with Brown and Grizzly bears. Regulations dealing with all other species of game will be taken up at the next regular spring meeting.

The law requires that the proposals be consolidated, advertised, and widely distributed at least thirty (30) days before the Board meets so that the public may offer comments on them; therefore, the deadline October 4 has been set in conformity with the statutory requirements.

The proposed changes in regulations should be as specific as possible. Justifications for changes should accompany the proposals. The proposal should state exactly what locality, area, region is referred to, or indicate proposal is for Alaska as a whole. Whenever possible, the particular section for which change is sought should be cited, such as "109.06, Weekly fishing period."

Augie Reetz, Commissioner

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