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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## *KPBSD juniors and seniors to attend career and job fair*

**Soldotna, March 17, 2015**—The annual Peninsula Job and Career Fair, billed as the biggest recruitment event on the Kenai Peninsula, will be Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Peninsula Job Center in Kenai, Alaska. KPBSD and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) partnered for the third year to deliver resume writing, interviewing, and work ethics training in preparation for this event.

Approximately sixty employers will be present to speak to job seekers about their current and future job openings. KPBSD students who plan to attend must sign-up through their school counselor, and bring several copies of their resume to provide to employers. Transportation is provided by KPBSD.

“KPBSD is happy to once again be able to partner with the DOLWD,” said John O’Brien, director of secondary education and student activities. “Our students benefit from access to their professionals working together with our school counselors and career guides on resume writing, interviewing, and work ethics training skills. KPBSD juniors and seniors looking for either part time employment or something more, can benefit from attending the Peninsula Job and Career Fair, since it is the biggest recruitment event on the Peninsula.”

**Employers include:** Alaska Jobs Corps, Anchorage Police Department, Army National Guard, AT&T, AVTEC, Beacon Training Center, Boys and Girls Club, Central Peninsula Hospital, CH2MHILL, Crowley Marine Services, First Student, Fred Meyer, Frontier Community Services, Great Pacific Seafoods, Hilcorp, Home Depot, Hope Community Resources, Inlet Fish, Iron Workers, Kenai Peninsula Care Center, Kenai Peninsula College, Kenai Peninsula School District, Kenai River Brown Bears, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Laborers Union, Local 367/Plumbers/Steamfitters, Mature Alaskan Seeking Skills Training Program, Microcom, Midnight Sun Peonies, NANA Management, Northern Industrial Training, Office Tech, Offshore Systems, Pacific Star Seafood, Peninsula Clarion, Peninsula Community Health Services, Peninsula Job Center, Pile Drivers and Carpenters Union, The Restaurant at Porterhouse Grill, ResCare, Safeway, Snug Harbor Seafoods, Sportsmen's Warehouse, State of Alaska - Division of Forestry, State of Alaska - State Troopers, State of Alaska - Juvenile Justice, Tesoro, UAS School of Management, University of Alaska Southeast, US Army, US Marines, US Navy, US Air Force Reserve, Walgreens, Walmart, and Westward Seafoods.

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“We saw nearly 1,000 people at last year’s job fair. Over 100 of the job seekers present were high school students. We have seen a significant increase in student participation at the job fair since establishing a partnership with the school district to conduct resume writing, interviewing skills and work ethics training. We are incredibly pleased with the excitement students are expressing about attending the job fair and meeting with employers about current and future openings,” said Rachel O’Brien, Peninsula Job Center Supervisor. “School district personnel have been very instrumental and supportive of Department of Labor staff by allowing us to work with students during their class time and discuss resume writing, career exploration, interviewing skills and work ethics. Attending the job fair is a great opportunity for students to speak directly to employers about short and long-term employment, learn about labor demands, and make local connections. The Peninsula Job Center wants to extend our sincere appreciation to KPBSD administration, principals, counselors and teachers of Soldotna, Kenai, and Nikiski area high schools for partnering with the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the third year in a row to deliver this invaluable experience to local students.”

The Peninsula Job Fair is coordinated by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development with support from the Peninsula Clarion and alaskajobnet.com, the City of Soldotna, the City of Kenai, and the Kenai and Soldotna Chambers.

**Contact for businesses:** Rachel O’Brien, Peninsula Job Center Supervisor, Peninsula Job Center, 907-335-3001.

**Contact for employers:** to sign up and have an informational or recruitment booth: Jackie Garcia, Business Connections Specialist, Peninsula Job Center, 907-335-3030.

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