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Apprenticeship Conference Online Registration Open

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development is providing online registration for its third annual Building Alaska's Future Apprenticeship Conference, to be held Wednesday, April 28 in Anchorage at the Egan Center.

Conference registration is open and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Registered apprenticeship helps Alaska's youth plug directly into the labor market," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "Apprenticeship also works for Alaska employers – they are able to establish training standards, and develop a local and loyal workforce."

The conference will provide information about this national training system that can increase productivity, and improve the quality of the workforce, by combining paid learning on-the-job and related technical instruction in a skilled occupation.

Sharon Bowman, a nationally recognized speaker, author and teacher will present an afternoon workshop on "What's the Brain Got to Do with It? Brain Science and Effective Apprenticeship."

The conference is for employers interested in apprenticeship, sponsors of a registered program, policymakers, trade associations, for-profit and non-profit leaders, and educators.

Nomination forms for the department's Apprenticeship Awards, which will be presented at the conference, are also available online at <http://jobs.alaska.gov/apprentice/10apps.html>. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26.

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2010 Apprenticeship Conference (Registration & Awards Nominations)
<http://jobs.alaska.gov/apprentice/10apps.html>

Think Apprenticeship!
<http://jobs.alaska.gov/apprentice/>

Registered Apprenticeship Resources for Employers and Future Apprentices
<http://EarnAndLearnAk.Org>

Alaska Economic Trends, February 2009
<http://labor.alaska.gov/trends/feb09.pdf>