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Labor Tribunal Receives National Award for Excellence

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Unemployment Insurance Appeals Tribunal in the Employment Security Division received a national award for performance excellence in quality and timeliness of its appeal decisions during the federal fiscal year 2011.

The Appeals Tribunal, led by Chief of Appeals Janne Carran, holds hearings and issues decisions on appeals from benefit and tax determinations issued by the Employment Security Division. The decisions can be further appealed to the commissioner of labor, and to the Alaska Superior and Supreme Courts.

Using two criteria – Alaska scored 85 percent or higher on quality of appeals, and issued decisions within 12 days – the state ranked highest in the nation among small states.

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration requires all states to issue 60 percent of its decisions within 30 days of the date an appeal is filed to a tribunal and requires that 80 percent of the decisions score at least 85 out of the total quality points possible.

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Employment Security Division

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Alaska's Unemployment Insurance Program

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