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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**June 16, 2005**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-8957**

(Commission File Number)

**91-1292054**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**19300 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**98188**

(Zip Code)

**(206) 392-5040**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01. Other Events**

On June 16, 2005, Alaska Airlines, Inc. issued the attached release (exhibit 99.1) announcing a tentative agreement with the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association on a new four year contract for Alaska's approximately 700 aircraft technicians. Terms of the agreement are not yet being disclosed pending a ratification by the union members.

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.  
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Registrant

Date: June 16, 2005

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen  
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Brandon S. Pedersen  
Staff Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden  
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Bradley D. Tilden  
Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 16, 2005

**ALASKA AIRLINES AND AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION**  
**REACH TENTATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

SEATTLE — Alaska Airlines and the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) today jointly announced a tentative agreement on a new four-year contract for the airline's 700 aircraft technicians.

Terms of the agreement are being withheld pending a ratification vote by union members. The ratification process is expected to begin within the next two weeks.

"We are pleased to present, for our membership's consideration, a contract that provides job security language and wage increases that are unique in the current industry environment," said Louie Key, AMFA Region 1 Director.

"We appreciate the dedication and professionalism of our aircraft technicians during recent challenging times and are grateful to the union leadership for working collaboratively with us to achieve this long-term, market-based agreement that is a win for both parties," said Alaska's CEO Bill Ayer.

AMFA's craft union represents aircraft maintenance technicians and related support personnel at Alaska Airlines, ATA, Horizon Airlines, Independence Airlines, Mesaba Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines. AMFA's credo is "Safety in the air begins with quality maintenance on the ground." To learn more about AMFA, visit [www.amfanatl.org](http://www.amfanatl.org).

Alaska Airlines and sister carrier, Horizon Air, together serve more than 80 cities through an expansive network throughout Alaska, the Lower 48, Canada and Mexico. For reservations visit [alaskaair.com](http://alaskaair.com). For more news and information, visit the Alaska Airlines newsroom at <http://newsroom.alaskaair.com>.

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