

UBA dedicates new bank center

United Bank Alaska formally opened its new Commercial Banking Center at 36th and Denali Streets, Anchorage, with an open house Oct. 28.

According to UBA President Frank L. Lentfer, the purpose of the Commercial Banking Center is to provide an additional convenient location to the bank's current downtown Anchorage office at 645 G Street.

"It's strategically located to serve mid-town businesses and residents," Lentfer said. "The Commercial Banking Center will offer full-service banking, including commercial loans, commercial real estate, construction, and mortgage loans."

Unique features of the Commercial Banking Center include an extensive Alaska Native art collection on display throughout the bank, as well as five state-of-the-art drive-up teller lanes. One of these lanes will be designated exclusively to the bank's commercial customers.

Designed for total efficiency

and convenience to UBA customers, the lanes feature a concept similar to UBA's lobby operation, where customers wait at a designated location, then move to the next available teller.

"This assures customers of a first-come, first-served process, even at the drive-up teller windows," Lentfer noted.

Lentfer also announced that Edith J. Tedder has been appointed Manager of the Commercial Banking Center. Tedder joined UBA in April this year and brings 11 years banking experience to her new position.

"The Commercial Banking Center should be looked upon as a reflection of United Bank Alaska's growth," Lentfer concluded. "We began in 1975 with less than \$3 million in capital and total assets. Today, just eight years later, we're approaching \$300 million."

UBA is owned by NANA, Sealaska, Bristol Bay and Chugach Natives, Inc.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened United Bank Alaska's Commercial Banking Center. Pictured from l to r: Frank Lentfer, UBA President, Willie Hensley, Chairman of the Board, and Eugene Erskine, Chief Executive Officer/Vice Chairman.