

# BLM committee promotes hiring of Alaska Natives

A Bureau of Land Management committee has been formed to increase employment of Alaska Natives and American Indians in the BLM statewide workforce.

Eleanor "Ebony" DeRoque said the committee is the "Alaska Native/American Indian Employment Program Council."

The program's goals include:

- Increasing Alaska Native/American Indian representation in the BLM statewide workforce.

- Providing guidance, support and career assistance to Native American employees and applicants.

- Increasing awareness of BLM programs in the Native American communities and with regional and village corporations.

- Increasing opportunities for Native American applicants and employees for training, upward mobility and other programs.

- Assisting in attracting qualified Native Americans to BLM jobs and increasing use of special hiring authorities to accomplish this.

- Assisting with special emphasis programs, presentations and ceremonies.

DeRoque said volunteers are needed for Native Emphasis Week, Nov. 16-20, including a craft display Nov. 18-20 in the Federal Building at 701 C St. in Anchorage. Anyone who is interested in assisting or obtaining more information may call her at 271-5686.