

WIND POWER

FAIRBANKS — A \$572,545 contract for construction of the first building for the Kotzebue Extension Center has been awarded the Fairbanks joint venture of Bonner and Hegdal by the University of Alaska.

"We hope to have beneficial occupancy of the building by next Jan. 1 and have it finally completed by July of next year," said Dr. Donald Moyer, the university's director of institutional studies and physical facilities development.

The 3,900-square-foot building is uniquely designed to take advantage of wind power at such time that a special windmill or windmills may be installed at Kotzebue, an area of high winds. Wind power would augment normal power.

A room for the bank of batteries that would be used to store windmill-supplied energy is in the plans for the building.

The new building will provide space for three classrooms, a number of offices and a library. Of frame construction with cedar plywood siding, it will be built on timber pilings.

It is being financed through sale of general obligations bonds approved by the voters last November.

There were two bidders on the project, the other being NANA Construction Corp. which submitted a base bid of \$621,800.