

Eakins of DID of DED Seeks Alaska Firms to Sub-Contract

Dick Eakins, Acting Director of the Division of Industrial Development of the Department of Economic Development, announced today, the Division is seeking Alaska manufacturers for sub-contract work on the "space shuttle" program.

"We want to contract manufacturers, fabricators or assemblers of any of the materials that will be used in the space shuttle program," Eakins said.

"Products could include any stage of production for metals, plastics, fabrics, electrical systems and components and paper products."

"The space shuttle system is budgeted for 5.5-billion dollars," Eakins said, "and a sizeable proportion of the material components will be sub-contracted. We would like to direct some of the space program monies into Alaska where possible."

"This materials production program," Eakins said, "is not limited to the large industrial corporation, but can be accommodated to a very small firm having the capability of producing a single part. An attempt is being made to sub-contract work out in all of the 50 states."

"If Alaska firms can provide quality production at a competi-

tive price, there is every reason to believe they will be successful bidders."

Alaska firms who are interested in bidding for sub-contract work and feel they will qualify

are urged to contact the Division of Industrial Development in Juneau, or the Anchorage office