

EDO grant provides 10% to Natives

Alaska has been allotted approximately \$30 million pursuant to the terms of the Federal Public Works Act of 1977. The act specifically provides that at least 10% of each grant award must be used to procure the services of a minority contractor or a minority service business in performance of a project.

The allotted funds are to be used state-wide by the various municipalities and boroughs for the public works projects, with

each project to be given a specific grant.

This program is the first federal appropriation bill that has contained a specific provision for a designated percentage of funds to be set aside to minority business.

The grant program will be administered by the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and compliance with the minority set aside by provisions

will be supervised by the Alaska Economic Development Office, 550 West 8th Ave., Anchorage, (907) 279-3851. A.E.D.O. is the statewide representative of the United States Department of Commerce, Office of Minority Business Enterprises and operates as a non-profit subsidiary of the Alaska Federation of Natives.