

Job Placement Program Started Here by BIA

A program to put qualified Native Alaskans in touch with employers who have jobs open for their particular skills is being started in Fairbanks by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Bureau is compiling a list of Native Fairbanks residents who are looking for work and it will list their abilities. When the BIA learns

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about a vacant job, it will contact the persons on the list who are qualified and tell them where to go to apply for the job. The BIA will also offer help with the details of applying for the job—such as filling out a Federal application form.

The program will not compete with the Alaska State Employment Office, but will supplement it, the Bureau states. It will notify people who would otherwise not find out about the job openings, but any persons wanting jobs listed at the State Office will be sent there to apply.

The goal of the program according to a BIA spokesman, is to improve the communication between employers and Native people who want work and thus help people to become self-sufficient.

The program is now under way in Fairbanks. If it is successful, it may be expanded to cover the smaller communities in the district.

Fairbanks residents who want to find work should call the BIA at 452-1245, ext. 38, and leave their name, age, sex, education, the jobs they have held, their address, and a telephone number where they can be reached.