

The Alaska Plan—

More Endorsements

The Alaska Plan, a proposal to bring more minority group persons into the construction industry, now has the endorsement of the Alaska building and construction unions according to Robert Willard, chairman of the Alaska Plan Committee.

The Alaska State Federation of Labor, the Building Trades Council, the Associated Construction unions including Teamsters Local 959 have endorsed the voluntary approach to the plan. Willard called this a major development and said he was very pleased with the union action.

He reported that virtually all groups that must sign the agreement under federal legislation

have endorsed the plan concept with the exception of Associated General Contractors and a few regional Native associations.

The Arctic Native Brotherhood in Nome has also notified Willard's office of its support. It represents 12 communities in the area.

Willard noted that unions had some objections to certain provisions interjected into the plan by the U.S. Department of Interior but he would not disclose any details.

Pressure from Washington, D.C. is on the committee to finalize the plan by August 1, he added.