

AHTNA-ALYESKA IN CONTRACT

Multi-Million Dollar Construction Services

ANCHORAGE — Ahtna, Inc., one of the 12 Native Regional Corporations in Alaska, has negotiated a multi-million dollar agreement with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company to provide civil construction services, rights-of-way and gravel and other building materials for the trans Alaska pipeline project.

Officials from the regional and village corporations and from the pipeline company were to sign two major contracts in a ceremony held here yesterday. Gov. William Egan and other dignitaries were expected to attend the ceremony at the Anchorage Westward Hotel.

Under terms of the first contract, Ahtna's wholly owned subsidiary, Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corp., in joint venture with Rogers & Babler Inc., will provide earthwork and related services within the Ahtna Region. About 140 miles of the pipeline, from the Paxson area south to a point below Chitina, will pass through the Ahtna region.

The construction services to be performed under the contract include building access roads, preparation of material sites and disposal sites, the mining, processing and hauling of gravel, and right-of-way clearing.

Ahtna will supply the personnel for the construction

work. Between 30 and 100 workers will be employed in this civil construction work during the three-year project.

The necessary equipment for the project — tractors, loaders, trucks, etc. — will be supplied by Rogers & Babler, a division of Energy Company of Alaska. Rogers & Babler will also provide managerial service.

Under terms of the second contract, Ahtna will provide rights-of-way and leases for the pipeline, roads and related project facilities on property acquired by the Native corporations under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Additionally, the contract provides for the sale of rock, gravel and sand from the Ahtna property to Alyeska for use on the pipeline project.

"Through these contracts with Alyeska, the Ahtna Regional Corporation will be able to achieve two important goals,"

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said Dean Olson, executive director of the corporation.

"These goals are to develop the management and craft expertise we need beyond the immediate project, and secondly to come away from the contracts with sufficient funds to acquire the necessary equipment spread and working capital for our subsidiary, Ahtna Construction & Primary Products, Inc."

The Ahtna contractor in joint venture with Rogers & Babler was previously awarded a contract to do site preparation work at a construction camp near Glennallen. Work at the camp site is presently under way.

Expected to take part in today's contract signing ceremony were the president of Ahtna, Inc., Robert Marshall, who is also president of the Tazlina Village Corporation, and the presidents of three other village corporations within the Ahtna

region.

They include Harold Gene of Gakona Village Corporation, Harding Ewan of the Sta-Keh Village Corporation, and Raymond Craig of the Kluti-Kaah Village Corporation.

Walter Charlie, president of Ahtna Construction & Primary Products, and Robert Goldberg, legal counsel, were also to attend, as was John Seawell, president of Rogers and Babler.

Representing Alyeska were to be Charles Elder, executive vice president; Robert Miller, manager public affairs, Frank Moolin, senior project manager; William Harrison, senior attorney; Glenn Lundell, manager manpower resources; and Larry Miller, manager of contracts.

Alyeska is the firm responsible for the design, construction and operation of the Trans Alaska Pipeline.