

HUD Upgrading Its Office in Anchorage

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will be upgrading its Anchorage insuring office to a full state office on April 1, U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens announced today.

The office then will have full authority over all HUD functions and programs in Alaska.

HUD programs have been controlled by the Seattle regional office in the past.

The department said that new legislation last fall prompted it to review its various regional and area offices.

"This will be a great boon to the effective management of Alaskan housing program," Stevens said.

"Now Alaskans can have greater access to those administering the programs, and the administrators will be ther to see first-hand the unique Alaskan housing situation."