

# First Job Corps Center in Alaska

The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) will operate the first Job Corps Center established in Alaska. Under the terms of the \$5,820,725 Department of Labor contract, running from December 11, 1978 to November 30, 1980, the AFN will operate the Chiniak Job Corps Center in accordance with Title IV, Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) of 1973, as amended, 29 CFR Part 97a.

The center will concentrate on providing meaningful vocational-education program whose goal will be placement above the helper skill level.

The Chiniak Job Corps Center will be located at the former Kodiak Tracking Station located at Cape Chiniak, a headland on the easterly tip of Kodiak Island, Alaska. The center site is approximately 15 miles south-east of the city of Kodiak and 46 miles by road following the coastland around Chiniak Bay.

The Basic Education program will support the major emphasis of Center programs which is to teach the vocational skills necessary for Job Corps graduates to find and hold jobs with upward mobility. The AFN, as contractor, shall provide a reading, study skills, mathematics, language, handwriting, ESL and GED programs.

Under vocational clusters the AFN will develop three training clusters that are designed to meet the unique skill development needs in Alaska. The clusters are: (1) Native Corporation and Village Management, (2) Village Operations and (3) Village Industries.

The following vocational training will take place from the above headings:

TITLE	NUMBER
NATIVE CORPORATION & VILLAGE MANAGEMENT	
Clerk, Typist	14
Clerk, General	14
Clerk, Steno Medical Records Clerk	14

These will be augmented by additional training in subject areas of: (1) Offices Practices, (2) General Accounting, (3) Business Communications, (4) Business Law and (5) Office/Personnel Management.

## VILLAGE OPERATION

Carpenter	24
Building Maintenance	8
Electric Powerplant Maintenance	8
Water/Sewer Systems Maintenance	8
Village Communications Systems Maintenance	8
VILLAGE INDUSTRIES	
Logger All round Forester Aide	24
Marine Navigation and Seamanship	24
Food Services	12
Miner (construction) Auto Mechanic	16
Small Engine Repair	16
TOTAL TRAINING SLOTS	182

A 24 hour orientation program will be provided for new arrivals at the center to help them adjust to Center life. For corps-members not otherwise occupied in education and training the following will be available: Weight reduction programs, recreational outings, sports social activities special entertainment programs, hobbies and crafts Regular mail service will be in effect and a secure mailbox supplied to each corpsmember.

The Job Corps program will provide a comprehensive program to prepare Alaskan youth, 16 through 21 years of age of all ethnic groups, for meaningful employment and the responsibilities of citizenship. The Center shall operate at a steady-state onboard capacity of 150 male and 75 female corpsmembers during the period of the contract. The above capacity will consist of 225 residents and zero nonresidents.

Students will be accepted on March 28 1979, the opening date of the Center, and applications will be available prior to this at the various regions.



**CONTRACT SIGNING** — Present for the signing of the AFN Job Corps contract were, left to right (standing), Bernie Suophanavong, AFN Director of Planning; Frank R. Peterson, President, Kodiak Area Native Association; Harry Carter, Koniag, Inc. Board Member; and (seated l-r) Jack Krois, Project Officer; Clifford Black, AFN Executive Vice President; and Dave McGuiggan, new Chiniak Job Corps Center Director. — HAROLD SCHETZLE PHOTO