

To Build Alaska Mail Center

Ivan W. Hanson, Alaska district manager for the U.S. Postal Service announces a \$7,447,000 contract to build a modern mail processing center to serve Alaska has been awarded to Howard S. Lease Construction Company and Associates, Anchorage.

The 157,000 sq. ft. facility will be erected adjacent to the Anchorage airport on a leased postal site.

The industrial-type building will serve the entire State of Alaska, an area measuring 586,000 square miles in size and covering four time zones.

The new facility, expected to be ready for occupancy by the winter of 1977, will serve about 200 Alaskan post offices, nearly 70 per cent of which can be reached only by air.

The Anchorage facility will also serve as a gateway mail center for the growing volume of mail coming into and going out of Alaska.

Much of that volume is devoted to supplying the people of Alaska with the staples of their everyday lives.

Each year postal employees in Anchorage ship approximately 3.6 billion pounds of grocery items, mainly by air to points throughout the state. Many are above the Arctic Circle.

The new center was designed by the architectural and engineering firm of Maynard NBBJ, also of Anchorage.