

Awards given in housing excellence

Six Alaska agencies received special awards this month from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD gives the Housing Performance Awards every year to public and Native American housing authorities, tribal entities, and individuals nationwide for superior performance.

Jackie Johnson of the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority was honored by the department for her ongoing efforts to improve the quality of housing for Native American Families.

William "Bill" Marks also received an individual award. Marks is an employee of the Alaska HUD Office of Native American Programs. He implemented an outreach program to promote the Indian

Home Loan Guarantee Program in Alaska. He has helped 50 Native American families find private financing to purchase their homes.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority received the Sustained Performance Award for the seventh consecutive year.

The Tagiugmiullu Nunamiulla Housing Authority in the North Slope Borough, was recognized for their Technical Assistance Program designed to educate and assist residents on homeownership.

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority in Nome, Orutsaramuit Native Council and Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation in Bethel were also recognized by the Department.