

Circuit Rider program grows

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has announced the approval of a \$21,645 grant to the State of Alaska.

The grant, authorized under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (IPA), as amended by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, will supplement an earlier \$20,000 IPA grant award in the support of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs' (DCRA) Circuit Rider Training Program. This program has been providing training for local government officials in Alaska Native villages since its onset in November 1975. The new funds will be combined with Tanana Chiefs Conference and Yupiktak Bista, Inc., CETA and State funds to develop two manual-workbook-TV tape packages to enhance the training presented.

These two packages will be used by both DCRA training staff and Native association trainers in their respective regions. The training of Native village community officials will thus be expanded greatly and markedly enhanced.

In addition to grants, the Intergovernmental Personnel Act provides for: the temporary interchange of employees between the Federal government and State and local jurisdictions and institutions of higher education; the admission of State and local government employees to Federal training courses; graduate fellowships for employees in administrative, professional, and technical occupations; and technical and training assistance to State and local governments between the U.S. Civil Service Commission. The IPA also encourages cooperative recruiting and examining among Federal, State and local governments. The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act makes tribal governments eligible for all the provisions of the IPA.