

# Six Alaska housing authorities honored in national ceremony

The Department of Housing and Urban Development honored 29 Indian and Alaska housing authorities last month for their exemplary housing administration and continued contributions to their communities.

The awards, HUD's highest honor for Indian Housing Authorities, were presented to the directors of the agencies at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority in Copper Center was a recipient of the sustained excellence award, presented to housing authorities that have demonstrated outstanding overall performance for two or more consecutive years.

The awards acknowledged ac-

complishments in cost control, increasing revenues, improving debt collection procedures and enhancing the managerial capacity of Indian housing authority staff.

Twenty-three awards were presented in the categories of sustained excellence in operations and six awards for significant improvements in operations.

In addition to the Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority, five other Alaska housing authorities received awards, including those for Cook Inlet, Kodiak Island, Baranof Island, Metlakatla and Tlingit/Haida.

There are 182 Indian and Alaska Native housing authorities in the United States.