

DELLA CLARK of Dillingham WINS AWARD

Della Clark of Dillingham received the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) President's Award for Small Business. Clark was nominated by Choggiung Ltd. and Bristol Bay Native Association, both located in Dillingham. Clark's business, Della's, is an enterprise that serves as an outlet for 300 artisans from across the state. A lifelong resident of Dillingham, Clark recognized the need for an outlet for Alaska Native arts and crafts so she opened a business in her home. She started with one shelf and the shelves began to multiply. "I've been doing this for over 12 years," Clark told Business Cache. "The bulk of the money I make goes back to the artists. Della's is more of an outlet [than a business]."

Clark received her award at the AFN Convention on October 19, 1996. The award, sponsored by AFN and National Bank of



Della Clark of Dillingham receives her award from Mike McCormack, NBA Senior Vice President

Alaska, is a way for both organizations to express their appreciation for the access Della's has given Alaskan Native artists to the market place. The award was well timed because Clark has just announced her retirement ■