

Rural Small Business Conference dates set

This year's Rural Small Business Conference will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel from Feb. 17 to Feb. 19. This conference is designed to provide business and technical information to rural Alaska business persons.

A focal point of the conference will be the Rural Alaska Marketplace — a trade show and networking forum to bring together rural Alaskan businesses with po-

tential suppliers. Participation as an exhibitor can provide an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with potential rural Alaska business customers, at a fraction of the cost of traveling to rural areas.

The conference begins Monday, Feb. 17, with workshops for the participants.

Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Rural Alaska Marketplace will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., with a box lunch served

in the trade show area at noon. A catered reception in the trade show area from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. will conclude the day's activities.

The trade show will open up again Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. and stay open until 12:30 p.m. Conference participants can utilize their newly-acquired technical knowledge to learn even more about the products and services

which can make their businesses more efficient and profitable.

The conference will conclude with a sit-down luncheon for vendors and participants from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored jointly by National Bank of Alaska and Alaska Village Initiatives, information on how to participate or to reserve exhibit space can be obtained at (907) 274-5400.