

Turnkey Housing Authorized

Nine southeast Alaska Native Communities will benefit from authorization for 200 units of Turnkey III, homeownership housing, signed on September 18 in the Seattle Area Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The authorization was in the form of an Annual Contribution Contract signed by Robert Loescher, Executive Director of the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority of Juneau and Nile Paull, Acting Director, Seattle

Area Office, HUD.

The 200 units approved on the 18th are in addition to 160 units previously approved by HUD.

The 200 homes will be constructed by two joint-venture contracting teams. Each team consists of a Seattle-based contractor and an Alaska Native contractor.

The Joint-Venture of Boyd and Dalton/Wick Construction Company will construct homes in Angoon, Hoonah, Hydaburg,

Kake and Klawock while T.O. Paddock Company/Riley Please, Inc. will build in Craig, Haines, Klukwan and Yakutat. It is believed that construction will begin almost immediately.

Signing of the contract culminates many months of work and planning. Of particular significance is the extent of Native involvement in the project. Natives and Native businesses will be closely involved with all phases of home construction.