

JOM-BIA Negotiate

On July 28 through July 31 the AFN/JOM Human Resources Negotiating team met with representatives from the Juneau Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to negotiate the FY '76 Johnson O'Malley Prime Contract.

After two years of

administering the Johnson O'Malley Program, AFN opted for a stronger Prime Contract with the Bureau. At the conclusion of negotiations several changes were made in the contract for FY '76.

As a result of one of the changes AFN/JOM will now negotiate sub-contracts with the Bureau only providing recommendations in the negotiations. In the past the Bureau had the final say as to what projects would be funded and to what level they would be funded.

The official list of projects funded for FY '76 will be released by the Bureau this week. As soon as official word has been received AFN/JOM will be notifying sub-contractors of the intent to fund their proposals, and shortly afterwards negotiations on sub-contracts will begin.

Members of the AFN/JOM Human Resources Negotiating team are: Juanita Corwin, Tlingit Haida Central Council; Melvin Charlie, Tanana Chiefs Conference; Trefon Angasan, Bristol Bay Native Association; and Sharon Sobocienski, Cook Inlet Native Association. The Negotiating tem was appointed at the last meeting of the AFN Human Resources Committee.

Representing the Bureau of Indian Affairs were: Clarence Antioquia, Area Director; Joe Kahklen, Assistant Area Director for Administration; Carmel Roberts, Contracting Specialists; Fred Fisher, Education Specialist; and several other representatives of the BIA Contracting Office.

Negotiating for AFN were: Sam Kito, President; Frank Berry, Director/JOM; Gordon Jackson, Executive Vice President/Human Resources; Tony Dizon, JOM; and Fred Wemark, JOM.