

Graham Co. Captures Contract

A research contract has been awarded by the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission to the John Graham Company, in affiliation with Boeing Computer Services, to analyze the resource values and use potentials of Alaska's lands.

The study, which is to be completed in December, will focus on the suitability of different types of land to support various kinds and intensities of human use ranging from hunting and snow machine travel to mining or settlement.

The results of this study will be utilized by the Commission as it begins to deliberate its recommendations regarding the use and management of both Federal and State public lands.

Twelve prequalified companies were invited to bid on the land systems contract.

Selection of the Graham Company was accomplished by an evaluation team consisting of Commission Co-Chairmen and staff who used preset bid criteria to evaluate and compare the company's proposal,

qualifications, organization, management, local experience, and proposed study costs.

David Jackman and Burt Silcock, Co-Chairmen of the Commission, said, "The Graham Company had the best overall proposal, their qualifications are impressive, and the location of their 10-member project team in Anchorage will assist greatly in the coordination and management of the study."

Boeing Computer Services, under contract to the Graham Company, will assist in the \$168,000 study, which is to be completed December 31, 1975.

Two smaller contracts have also been awarded by the Commission. University of California (UCLA) Law Professor Monroe E. Price, who will be working with other UCLA faculty and Attorney Barry W. Jackson of Fairbanks, has been awarded a contract to analyze the land use implications of alternative property tax policies for undeveloped private lands in Alaska.

The tax exempt status of Native lands, as provided by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, will expire in 1991.

The other study has been awarded to Dr. John Beebee, of Anchorage, to provide an analysis of social overhead costs of rapid community expansion and contraction such as will likely occur in many pipeline communities.