

Alaska Village Initiatives starts computer training

In response to the informational and technological needs of its rural organizations, Alaska Village Initiatives has started a new computer training and support program. According to Alaska Village Initiatives President Perry Eaton, more and more of the companies and associations are integrating computers into their operations.

"Putting these computers to the

best use and keeping up with the rapidly changing technology can be overwhelming as well as time consuming," said Eaton. "Our new computer training and support program provides many new options ranging from purchasing new equipment and system design to personalizing workshops and training and one-on-one consultations."

One of the most important fea-

tures of the new program is remote access, which allows hands-on training without the cost of travel. An individual located at Alaska Village Initiatives' Anchorage office can actually work directly with an individual on-screen, even though the individual may be located in a village well outside Anchorage.

Additionally, remote access also means system problems can

be evaluated and remedied without excessive down time.

"Ultimately, once an organization is set up, a quick telephone call to Alaska Village Initiatives allows our computer 'whiz' to assess the situation and solve most problems," Eaton continued. "Immediate solutions mean less time and less money on equipment down-time or travel costs."

Alaska Village Initiatives is a non-profit, membership-based company dedicated to improving the well-being of rural Alaska communities, families and indi-

viduals by embracing their cultural values, and strengthening their self-reliance through training, assistance, advocacy and economic development. Formerly known as community Enterprise Development corporation of Alaska, the corporation was formed in 1968 to create new economic activities in distressed rural communities.

For further information about Alaska Village Initiatives and its new computer training and support program, contact Matt Joy at 1-800-478-2332 or 907-274-5400.