

Joseph L. Chase appointed BIA Alaska area contract administrator

The appointment of Joseph L. Chase as Area Contract Administrator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska was announced on July 6, 1976, by Area Director Clarence Antiquia. Mr Chase will assume overall administrative responsibility for the bureau's contract management system.

Contracts range from the delivery of education, housing and social services programs to contracts for support services and procurement.

BIA contracting has increased significantly in the past few years due to congressional legislation which has encouraged the development of Native organizations capable of

assuming responsibility for program direction and administration.

Presently the bureau has sizeable contracts with the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska, Cook Inlet Native Association and Tanana Chiefs Conference to manage BIA programs and services.

Much of Mr. Chase's experience has been in fields closely related to contracting. As a facilities management supervisor in both Alaska and Colorado he has been involved in contracting processes from the writing of specifications to monitoring and modifying them.

Chase was recently recognized for 20 years of federal employment, most of this with the BIA. His experience includes 10 years as manager of the BIA reindeer project on Nunivak Island, then, as facilities management supervisor in consecutive order for Bethel and Nome agencies and Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School.

Following these assignments he moved to the Juneau Area Office to take charge of facilities management programming.

In 1968 he transferred to Littleton, Colorado, as construction superintendent, then he returned to Juneau the

following year. In 1974 he was promoted to area housing officer, and as such, he was responsible for contract negotiations on housing materials and coordinating the delivery of equipment and supplies to build 500 units of low cost housing in 19 villages,

most located in northwest Alaska.

As area contract administrator he replaces Ray Paddock who resigned to assume his duties as the newly elected president of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska.