ADC hires staff for business incubator

The Arctic Development Council has hired two Barrow residents to work on a small business incubator for the North Slope, under a contract with the North Slope Borough. Small business development is a priority of the administration of Mayor George Ahmaogak.

Barrow businessperson Dale Brainerd was selected as the Small Business Specialist, and Betty Chilcott of Barrow as the Office Manager, effective Jan. 3, 1995.

Brainerd has been in business in Barrow and the North Slope villages for five years with Totem Enterprises, an electrical contractor. In October 1994, he started a newspaper delivery business in Barrow.

Chilcott grew up in the Lake Clark area of Alaska in the Bristol Bay region and is a member of the Kijik Village Corporation. She and her family have been involved in the traditional and commercial fishing industry in Nondalton and Naknek. As office manager, she will be the first contact for both small business incubator tenants and the public.

A small business incubator is a building housing new or growing small businesses with a shared receptionist, business equipment and library materials.