

## NANA, Marriott form joint venture

NANA Development Corp. announced recently the formation of NANA/Marriott, a joint venture specializing in contract food service management in Alaska.

Previously known as NANA/Mannings, it is the first joint venture in Alaska between an Alaska Native regional corporation and a national entity in the area of food service.

According to NANA Regional Corp. President Willie Hensley, the joint venture represents the evolution of a successful, well managed enterprise.

"We are pleased to be a business partner with the Marriott Corp., which is the largest food service management company in the U.S.," he said.

Originally formed in 1976 to service two Anchorage-based health care accounts, the company has become one of the largest Alaska food service contractors with annual revenues of more than \$18 million.

In addition to providing food service management statewide to schools, hospitals and private corporations, NANA/Marriott also handles janitorial and full-service facility management at two Prudhoe Bay operations.

Mannings was the largest regional food service company in the western United States when it was acquired by Service Systems Corp. In March 1985, Marriott Corp. acquired Service Systems Corp., a subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Industries.

As the original joint venture came to the end of its 10-year agreement, representatives of NANA and Marriott met to determine the future of the joint venture. Both companies felt that continued integration and operations of the joint venture would be appropriate and successful in the Alaska marketplace.

Currently, the company employs more than 200 people in Alaska. NANA/Marriott will be headquartered in Anchorage at 4706 Harding Drive.



*David Newirth serves the main entrees available at the Federal Building Cafeteria.* NANA photo file