

# **Ahtna Construction Company**

Alaska Natives in the Ahtna region of Southeast Alaska have established a construction company and started construction of a commercial center with the help of a program funded by the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, a report made public indicates.

Ahtna, Inc., of Copper Center used the EDA program to help Natives in the area select employment and investment opportunities for the funds and land to be received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Since August 1974, the program has helped the Natives to:

- Establish the Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corporation and to enter into joint ventures with private contractors. The company has provided construction services estimated at \$13 million to the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and constructed a pipeline crew camp at Glennallen. It is working on a second camp at Sheep Creek. The company also operates a concrete plant at Valdez.

- Create the Ahtna Credit Union serving 736 persons and having more than \$1 million in

share accounts.

- Establish the Ahtna Development Corporation which is constructing a \$1.3-million motel and restaurant complex at Glennallen.