

Maniilaq's Inupiat Iitqusiat Program nominated for award

KOTZEBUE — The NANA region's Inupiat Iitqusiat Program has been selected as a semifinalist in the 1990 Innovations in State and Local Government Awards program, sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Maniilaq Association, which nominated the program, received notification last week.

The Innovations Program recognizes state and local government projects that successfully address some of today's most difficult policy problems.

Ten outstanding state and local initiatives will be selected as Innovations Award winners and will be recognized with \$100,000 Ford Foundation grants. Winners will be announced in

September.

Inupiat Iitqusiat is among 75 semifinalists selected from a field of 1,552 entries submitted to the foundation. Semifinalists are among the top 5 percent of this year's entries.

The Inupiat Iitqusiat Program grew out of the Regional Elders Conferences of the 1970s. In its strictest sense, Inupiat Iitqusiat is the development of and continued emphasis on traditional Inupiat values. Those values provide guidance for both individual and organizational behavior and have been adopted by all of the major institutions of the NANA region.

A national committee headed by former Michigan Gov. William G. Milliken will choose the 10 1990 Innovations Award winners.