

# ***EDA approves grant***

Approval of a \$146,400 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for unemployed workers at Tok, Alaska, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Upper Tanana Regional Council on Alcoholism applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to help build a multi-purpose community center at Tok. The center also will serve other near-by Indian villages. It will include an administrative center and recreational facilities.

EDA approved the grant under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds for useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Council officials expect that 12 unemployed persons will be hired for the project. Work on the project is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed in a year.

The Upper Tanana Regional Council on Alcoholism will provide \$36,600 to complete the \$183,000 total cost of the project.