

New Native medical center bid awarded

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service (IHS) awarded a \$42 million base bid and first option for construction of Phases One and Two to Ellis-Don Construction, Inc.

The contract includes a second option of over \$51 million for Phase Three.

The new Anchorage hospital will be located at the Bragaw and Tudor intersection. The present facility was originally built as a tuberculosis sanitar-

ium 40 years ago and remodeled to a general hospital by the IHS.

The contract sets a goal to subcontract 15 percent to Alaska Native/American Indian owned businesses.

The contract also requires all other subcontractors to give Alaska Native and American Indian owned businesses and individuals preference in employment, training and other subcontracting.

Construction begins this spring and is expected to be completed in 1997.