

# Wainwright, Emmonak will get central utility facilities

G.B.W. Technology Corp. of Portland, Ore. has been awarded \$352,000 in contracts by the Alaskan villages of Wainwright and Emmonak for maintenance and training work on central utility facilities which house each community's water supply, sewage treatment, laundry, bathing and sauna facilities.

Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) has been instrumental in

obtaining some \$600,000 in grant monies, part of which is financing the cost of these two contracts, which were put into effect October 1.

Funds are provided by the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Public Health Service. E.P.A. built the \$1 million systems over the past five years as part of its Alaskan Village Demonstration Project.

The facilities have proven difficult for local operators to maintain, so G.B.W.'s contract calls for putting the units back in working order and then training local Natives in operation, repair and routine maintenance.

Key element of the program will be training, which also will include village administrative employees to improve abilities to administer contracts, purchase and inventory spare parts and to carry out sound general accounting procedures.

Emmonak is on Alaska's Bering Sea coast at the mouth of the Yukon River and Wainwright is about 80 miles west of Point Barrow at the northern tip of the state. Population of each is about 500 Alaskan Natives.

G.B.W. Technology Corp. is owned by the three principals of Seton, Johnson and Odeil, Inc., a Portland-based general engineering firm, which will provide administrative and engineering support to the project.

Project engineer is Charles Hoar, who formerly served as a principal designer of the original Alaskan Village Demonstration Project for Wasteco, Inc., of Portland.

On-site service and training will be handled by John Powers, formerly Wasteco field mechanic.

Paul Piper of Anchorage will conduct management training. He has experience with programs serving Alaskan village residents.