

# CIRI expands real estate department

Expansion of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) real estate development has been announced by Roy M. Huhndorf, president of CIRI. Effective July 1, the real estate development department was formed by CIRI to permit more active participation in residential subdivision development and possible commercial property projects as they arise in the future.

Robert W. Rude, senior vice-president of CIRI, has been appointed to head the new department. Reporting to him will be Charles J. Akers, CIRI vice president for real estate properties and John Evans, Jr., manager of CIRI real es-

tate development. As part of the expansion and reorganization plan, Eugene Sheehan has been promoted to CIRI property manager, reporting to Akers.

Rude also is in charge of the CIRI shareholder services department with oversight of stock records, educational scholarship programs and employment referral. Rude assumed the senior vice president position with CIRI in 1980, following five years as president and general manager of Cook Inlet Properties, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of CIRI.

He has background in insurance adjusting, real estate sales, grantwriting and business management. From 1972 to 1975

he was executive director of Cook Inlet Native Association and has served as an incorporator and board member of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, Cook Inlet Native Association and Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

Akers will be in charge of project management, development of new projects, acquisitions, leasing, sales, liaison to governmental agencies regarding platting and zoning and supervisor of new construction.

He also is vice president and general manager of Cook Inlet Properties, Inc. In addition to holding his real estate license, Akers is working on his certified property management designation which is issued by

the Institute of Real Estate Management. Akers is also a member-candidate of the local chapter of Certified Property Managers, a national Institute of Real Estate Management organization.

Evans will be in charge of real estate strategy and project analysis, financing and planning. He holds a master of business administration degree from Columbia University and a bachelor degree in economics from Stanford University.

Evans moves to his new position from that of Manager, Investment Analysis.

Sheehan, who first came to Alaska with the Air Force in 1965, has been the maintenance manager for Cook Inlet Properties, Inc. over the past five years. As property manager, he will be responsible for property management, maintenance, remodeling, permit acquisition, construction, bidding and administration of service contracts.