

# Egan Protests Minority Business Enterprise

JUNEAU — Gov. William A. Egan has strongly protested plans by the federal Office of Minority Business Enterprise to urge minority firms from the lower 48 states to come to Alaska and seek contracts on the trans-Alaska pipeline project.

Egan told Alex Armendaris, director of that federal agency in the U.S. Department of Commerce, that the program should be halted.

He said it could cause "needless hardship for many people" coming to Alaska and finding no work, and that the program is at cross-purposes with a joint effort of the state and the U.S. Department of Labor.

"We have been working closely with the Department of Labor for many months now," Egan said in his letter to Armendaris, "to accurately inform pipeline job seekers in the lower 48 states of the true employment outlook in Alaska so as to avoid having their high hopes dashed to despair. Your agency's program... could seriously negate that effort and cause needless

hardship for many people."

The governor pointed out that Alaska has, on the average, the highest unemployment rate in the nation, and that provisions of various pipeline-related legislation require the hiring of Alaskans, including the state's own minority group members, to help overcome the unemployment problem.

Egan took the action after Armendaris told his regional directors at a meeting in Dallas, Texas, that it was the federal agency's intention "to make these (pipeline) opportunities known to every minority firm in the nation that might have or be able to develop the capability to participate."

The governor told Armendaris that Alaska, "has a long way to go yet in reducing over-all unemployment and in increasing employment among its own minority groups many of whom, for far too long, have not had the opportunity for meaningful participation in the mainstream of American life."

As large as the pipeline proj-

ect is, it cannot begin to offer enough jobs to completely achieve these vital goals.

"Large-scale migrations of job seekers to Alaska can only hinder our progress toward these goals and can only result in financial hardship and frustration for many, many people."

"We have already had case after case of families pinning their hopes on pipeline-related employment, because of misinformation, and packing up everything and moving to Alaska only to find no employment available and ending up broke and stranded and disillusioned."

The governor said an influx of minority contractors "could create chaos and be extremely damaging to the numerous resi-

dent minority contractors presently operating in Alaska through the Native Regional Corporations and through other resident minority organizations."

He told Armendaris that in view of the state's joint effort with the U.S. Department of Labor to discourage job seekers from coming to Alaska, "I think you can understand that we assumed a coordination of federal effort concerning the pipeline was also taking place and that you can appreciate our dismay and consternation upon learning otherwise."

"I urgently request that you curtail your agency's program," he told the federal official.

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