

Cowper cuts state positions in rural Alaska

Gov. Steve Cowper recently announced the appointment of the directors of his Anchorage and Fairbanks offices and cuts to the governor's offices in Nome, Kotzebue and Bethel expected to save nearly \$250,000 a year.

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Former Anchorage Telephone Utility official Charity Kadow will head the Anchorage governor's office, while Rebecha Miller, most recently a Fairbanks regional manager for the state Department of Community and Regional Affairs, will run Cowper's Fairbanks office.

Kadow, 48, will be paid about \$54,000 a year, and Miller, 36, will be paid about \$58,000 a year, which includes the Fairbanks pay differential.

As part of the rural office reorganization, governor's offices in

Bethel, Nome and Kotzebue will be combined with Legislative Information Offices in those communities. Currently in those communities, both offices offer similar services so the public should notice little difference, Cowper said.

The changes include:

- Nome — savings of \$93,656 with the elimination of two full-time positions.

- Kotzebue — savings of \$78,114 with the elimination of one full-time and one part-time position.

- Bethel — savings of \$54,494 with the elimination of one full-time and one part-time position.