

Contracts Awarded

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Contracts worth \$815,000 recently awarded by the Alaska Power Authority will result in studies of cheaper ways to obtain energy in eight villages within the NANA region this winter.

The thrust of the studies will be to identify and evaluate alternatives to diesel and fuel oil, so that dependence on petroleum products can be reduced. Draft reports will be produced late in January, sent to the villages involved for comment, and compiled into a final report in mid-April of next year.

The NANA villages involved include Noatak, Kivalina, Buckland, Noorvik, Kiana, Ambler, Shungnak, and Selawik.

The alternatives to be considered include conservation, waste heat utilization, wind, wood, peat, small hydroelectric, continued use of diesel and fuel oil, solar energy, and coal.

The firms involved are Wind Systems, Incorporated; Alaska Renewable Energy Associates; Reid Collins, Inc.; Robert W. Retherford Associates; and Dames and Moore.