

BIA Awards AFN \$198,250 to Supplement Services

Aim to Get Qualified Clientele

On June 22, 1970, the Bureau of Indian Affairs awarded a one year contract for \$198,250 to the Alaska Federation of Natives to provide supplemental services for the Bureau's Anchorage Field Employment Assistance Office clientele.

The objectives of the program are to help develop qualified Indian clients attain the status of economic independence, to prepare them for assimilation into the mainstream of American life and economic self-sufficiency, to best service the natives coming from outlying areas, and to assist them in adjusting to urban living with minimum social and economic stress.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the following points would help alleviate problems:

1. To provide transportation to and from place of employment for a limited length of time for those employed by the federal government or working as trainees on Project Hire. To provide transportation for Field Employment Assistance Office clientele involved in recreational services as required for successful operation of the program.

2. Recreational services to be provided for clientele by furnishing a full-time coordinator who will develop and plan a program based on each of the clients. This will help them utilize their free time for a more constructive purpose.

3. To furnish driver education and training course consisting of approximately 8-10 hours behind the wheel and 6-10 hours of classroom instruction to enable the client to successfully pass the required test to obtain an Alaska Drivers License.