

# Minority Businesses to Get Contracts

ANCHORAGE, November 22, 1974 — Minority businesses will receive contracts totaling more than \$415 million dollars for work on the trans Alaska pipeline construction project, according to goals announced recently by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

In an affirmative Action Plan filed with the Department of the Interior, Alyeska pledged to assure that minority and female owned businesses are given the opportunity to participate in the pipeline project.

The affirmative action plan is required under provisions of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act. The plan describes how minority firms will have the opportunity to compete for pipeline purchase orders and subcontracts, individually or in joint ventures with other contractors.

The total amount of minority participation in the project includes \$58.2 million in contracts already awarded to minority businessmen.

The existing contracts were awarded according to provisions in the law. However, specific regulations under the law, including the requirement for submittal of the Affirmative Action Plan, were not developed until September 23, and became effective Nov. 23.

Additional subcontracts and purchase orders will be for work performed under pipeline construction contractors, pump station construction contractors and catering contractors.

The plan calls for publication by Alyeska of a monthly forecast of bidding opportunities that will be made available to minority contractors.