



THE ANCHORAGE WESTWARD HILTON, which became the property of the Bristol Bay Native Corporation April 14, forms a backdrop for a favorite Native festive game, the blanket toss.

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Bristol Bay buys largest Alaska hotel

Final transactions were completed last week in the sale of the Anchorage Westward Hotel, and at 10:22, April 14, Bristol Bay Native Corporation assumed ownership of Alaska's largest hotel.

Bristol Bay reportedly paid a purchase price of \$20 million for the hotel, signifying the largest singular purchase by a Native Corporation to date.

Officially renamed the Anchorage Westward Hilton, Bristol Bay has contracted with the Hilton Hotel Corporation for management of the hotel. Andre Schaefer who formerly managed the University Hilton in Los Angeles has been named general manager.

Although Bristol Bay plans "no immediate big changes" and "no sweeping staff changes", a Native hire clause was included in the contract to give Bristol Bay stockholders preference in hiring whenever possible.