Barrow's new multi-million dollar store opens July 10

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Barrow has a new multi-million dollar store. Owned by Shontz Inc., a subsidiary of Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (UIC), the store opened on July 10th and sells everything from groceries to hardware to furniture.

Designed by Kelly, Pittelko, Fritz and Forssen of Anchorage, the \$4.5 million structure was constructed as a joint venture by Smith, Kaelber and Wheeler (SKW) Construction of Anchorage and Eskimo Inc. of

Barrow.

Lucille Adams, Treasurer of UIC, Barrow's village corporation, reports that the store had been in the planning stages for several years and that it is phase one of a \$10 million development venture which will include future recreational facilities and open-restaurant shopping mall in Barrow.

Instrumental in the planning and building which took about one year, were James Matumeak, President of UIC and James Stotts, Village Manager. Larry Buddy is managing the new

store.



GEOMETRIC DESIGN dominates the entrance to Barrow's new store shown here in final stages of completion.

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SHONTZ INC.'s new general store in Barrow has two levels. Pictured here is the lower level grocery section, with an office and sales area above.

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