

'Good sense to hire local residents'

# Recruitment campaign targets rural Alaska

David Hoffman, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs, is calling for a recruitment campaign for local government specialist and community development specialist positions around the state.

"It simply makes good sense to hire local residents," Hoffman said.

The department and the Division of Personnel will be accepting applications for Local Government Specialist I through IV from April 1 through May 31, and Community Development Specialist I and II from April 15 through June 15. Qualified applicants will be considered for future vacancies.

Hoffman said a key goal of his department is the hiring of local residents for its positions in rural Alaska.

"We need interested and qualified

applicants who have a good understanding of local communities, as well as the operations and concerns of local governments," he said. "We're especially interested in finding qualified applicants with bilingual abilities who can read, write and speak in the predominant Native language of their area."

Hoffman explained that the local government and community development specialists are charged with coordinating the concerns of local areas with state government.

"In my opinion, it's important to hire local residents who are already familiar with these problems and the community," he said.

Local government specialist positions in rural Alaska are located in Bethel, Dillingham, Galena, Kodiak, Kotzebue and Nome. Rural-based

community development positions are stationed in Nome and Bethel.

"There are certain required minimum qualifications all applicants must meet," Hoffman said.

The Recruitment Bulletins and official State of Alaska Employment applications can be found at all Job Service Centers, Division of Personnel offices and most other state offices. In many communities, they are also available from the city hall, the post

office, the school or village council office.

Those who want more information on the application process may write the Division of Personnel, Box C, Juneau 99811-0201. An official State of Alaska employment application must be sent to the address and postmarked no later than May 31 for local government specialist positions and June 15 for community development specialist.