

# Implementation Of Alaska Plan

The chairman of the Alaska Plan Committee is applying pressure to the U.S. Department of Labor to implement the Alaska Plan at the earliest.

Robert Willard, Chairman of the Committee, said he has sent telegrams to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, (OFCC), and Alaska's Congressional Delegation urging immediate implementation of the Alaska Plan which will establish equal job opportunities in the construction industry.

Willard said the Committee worked long and hard to comply with federal equal opportunity standards and said in his telegram, "I fail to see the continued delay in the implementation order."

He placed squarely the responsibility of the delay upon the Labor Department.

He said if the delay continues the Plan would not affect this year's construction season "as contract bids are already being let." The Chairman also pointed out that the OFCC had previously agreed not to modify the final Plan.

Once in operation, the Alaska Plan will detail the procedures of how minority group persons will enter the construction industry in the State.

Willard said all of Alaska's building and construction unions and contractor groups, including the powerful Associated General Contractors, have signed the Plan in agreement to abide by its provisions.

The Committee has called upon U.S. Senators Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel and Congressman Nick Begich to press for early implementation of the Plan.