

# AEDO now ABDC

The Alaska Economic Development Office (A.E.D.O.) of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) has changed its name to the Alaska Business Development Center (A.B.D.C.). This change was made to distinguish it from the state agency with the same initials.

A.B.D.C. was established by AFN, Inc. in July, 1975 to encourage minority business ownership, by coordinating Federal, State, local and private programs and resources. The Alaska Business Development Center develops new business opportunities for existing business, and internal systems so a business can function more efficiently. A.B.D.C. also has a declared purpose of organizing and establishing a business when appropriate.

William E. Allen became executive director for A.B.D.C. on April 1, 1978. He earned his

Master's Degree in Business from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, and his undergraduate degree in engineering at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

Allen was formerly employed by Alyeska Pipeline Company as a budget and evaluation specialist.

The entire range of A.B.D.C. services are available, free of cost, to minority individuals or minority-dominated organizations. These services include financial resource development, management services and technical assistance, procurement assistance, education and training and outreach.

Additional information can be obtained by writing or calling: Executive Director, Alaska Business Development Center, 550 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Phone number: 279-3851.