

# **Inupiat community awards housing contract**

Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, an IRA Tribal organization, has announced the acceptance of a bid from UIC Construction, Inc., a subsidiary of Ukepeagvik Inupiat Corporation (Barrow) for erection of housing units in Barrow. The contract was awarded as a Force Account Contract to the contractor, a 100 per cent Inupiat owned business.

The contract takes into account the unique land situation, in which the land is being made available under long term lease to the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope from the parent village corporation, UIC, Inc.

It is felt that the contract award will also promote employment for Native workers in the Barrow area.

The contract is the first move in a policy of Force Account Contracts with all the villages of the Arctic Slope to maximize the federal intent for programs intended for Natives.