State Labor Department to Open Manpower Center at Kotzebue

The Department of Labor's fourth Manpower Center Outreach office will officially open in Kotzebue on November 5, Governor Keith H. Miller announced yesterday.

A public reception will be held in the afternoon of opening day. Officials expected to be on hand for the occasion include Commissioner of Labor, Thomas J. Moore, Stuart H. Bowdoin, Director of the Employment Center, and a representative from the office of the Governor.

Like the rural outreach stations at Barrow, Bethel, and Glennallen, the Kotzebue office will offer employment and manpower services including job placement, job development and referrals to manpower training programs.

Donald F. Miller, 32, of Kotzebue will be in charge of the new Outreach Office which will operate under the supervision of the State Employment Services Manpower Center at Nome.

The labor department's outreach program was first launched in Bethel in September 1967.

According to the Governor, the objective of the program is to provide rural Alaskans with increased job opportunities and job training information in areas not serviced on a full time basis before.