

BIA General Contract Holders Meet Forms Advisory Board

Last Month, the several Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Contract Holders from north-central region villages met at the Fairbanks Native Community Center to complete discussions for formation of a contract advisory board designed to facilitate and aid

contract holders' ability to properly fulfill their contract obligations.

The board, formed as a result of this meeting, will serve as a liaison between the funding agencies (i.e. B.I.A., P.H.S., O.E.O., etc.) and the people served by these agencies.

Its defined goals will be as follows: 1) To improve communications between all villages in the Fairbanks district; 2) To be constantly aware of all Federal and other funding sources; 3) To develop, advocate and implement a regional-wide system of bookkeeping for contracts entered into; 4) To develop and advocate a regionwide leadership development program; 5) To create within the board, a

contract compliance committee; and 6) To develop and implement a regionwide housing survey.

The first elected officers of the Contract Advisory Board are Adam John, Fairbanks Native

Community Center, President, Titus Peter of Fort Yukon, Vice-president; Rachel Silvayugak of Anaktuvuk Pass, Secretary; and Treasurer, Paul Williams of Arctic Village.

Members and officers are

made up of experienced contract holders, as it is felt that the experiences gained from receiving and implementing contracts for the various villages would enhance the ability of a board made up of contractors.