

Res. Network on Arctic Ocean

FAIRBANKS — The Naval Arctic Research Laboratory at Point Barrow — operated by the University of Alaska under contract with the Navy — plans to establish a network of research stations on Arctic Ocean sea or glacial ice early next year and is now advertising for C130 Hercules air support of the operation.

The stations would be established approximately 400 miles northeast of Point Barrow in late February or early March utilizing "ice airstrips of opportunity."

The air support is needed to set up and resupply the stations and assist in their disestablishment in April or May of 1976. The university estimates some 85 C130 flights or 298 flying hours will be required to provide the necessary support.

The aircraft would fly out of Tuktoyaktuk in Canada's Northwest Territories as well as Point Barrow. At Point Barrow, the research laboratory, when requested, is to furnish fueling assistance, messing and billeting for aircraft crews at no cost to the successful bidder. Crews for loading and unloading aircraft at Point Barrow and the ice stations will be furnished at no charge. The laboratory will set up navigational aids at the stations.

Bids will be opened on Jan. 14 at 3 p.m., local time, in the university's purchasing office at Fairbanks.