

## **Native joint venture awarded ARCO contract**

**ANCHORAGE** — A joint venture between ATQASUK Native village corporation and Mead River Joint Venture has been awarded a \$673,000 contract by ARCO Alaska, Inc. to complete a new fire station at the Kuparuk oil field. The winning contractor is a non-union firm.

Mead River Joint Venture is a partnership of ATQASUK Construction Co., a subsidiary of the village corporation and Alaska International Construction Inc.

The fixed-price contract, awarded after competitive bidding, will involve a work force of about 14 people. The contractors have pledged to hire 100 percent Alaskans, with 40 percent of them Native Alaskans. It is anticipated that the labor force will come from Fairbanks and Atqasuk.

The contract involves mechanical, electrical, architectural and structural work. Work is underway and is expected to be completed by April 30.