

Calista forms professional services

Calista Corporation has unveiled plans to create a subsidiary that will provide business consulting and economic planning services to the business community in Alaska with a special emphasis given to Calista shareholders and various other Native organizations.

The new subsidiary, Calista Professional Services, Inc., will provide expertise in a wide variety of development areas including project planning, economic feasibility, development finance, operations management, marketing, and urban and rural development with emphasis given to management and board training.

According to Calista President, Alex Raider, "Calista Professional Services, Inc., was formed to further our goal to provide the expertise necessary for the successful development of the business endeavors of our shareholders and fellow Alaskans."

The multi-capability of CPS staff will allow great flexibility based on a thorough understanding of the needs of rural and urban Alaskans.

CPS will maintain its offices in the Calista headquarters in Anchorage, providing a central location from which clients

can be conveniently served, as well as a location close to the general business community of Alaska.

R. Thomas Crawford has been named vice-president of the new company.

"With a 27-year career as a commercial banker and former employment as a senior credit officer of the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank, Crawford will bring to CPS, a great expertise in financing and in the fishing and transportation industries," said Raider.

For the past five months Crawford served as a special

consultant to Raider where he has been researching the potential for joint ventures in the fishing and transportation industries.

The University of Oklahoma graduate has been in Alaska three years. In addition to his involvement with the Fisheries and Agriculture Bank, Crawford also has served as adjunct faculty member of Anchorage Community College.

He and his wife Lee have two children, Bev and Tom, who are now attending Layola College and the University of Maryland.