

# Army Corps tells of two contracts to create jobs

The Army Corps of Engineers earlier this month announced the award of two major construction contracts totaling about \$25 million, which is expected to create about 130 new jobs for Alaskans.

Both contracts require that Alaskans be hired under provisions of a local hire law authored by Sen. Frank Murkowski.

A \$17.5 million contract was awarded to Price/CIRI Construction of Anchorage for the alteration of the central heat and power plant at Eielson Air Force Base. This project is expected to employ about 70 Alaskans.

Hoffman Construction of Anchorage was awarded a contract for about \$7.8 million to build an air freight terminal at Elmendorf Air Force Base, a project which will employ about 60 Alaskans during peak periods of construction.

"These two major projects will provide a shot in the arm for Alaska's construction industry," Murkowski said.

The local hire law was included as an amendment Murkowski authored in the 1986 Defense Appropriations Bill.