

Bob Willard

Praises Egan

ANCHORAGE — The Chairman of the Alaska Plan Policy Board praised the Governor for an administrative order requiring State projects to be aligned with the Alaska Plan to increase minority hire in the construction industry.

In a letter sent to Governor William A. Egan, Alaska Human Rights Commission Executive Director, Robert Willard, said, "Your action is most certainly welcome and is indicative of your belief that equal opportunity must apply and speaking on behalf of the Board, I commend you."

"From the Human Rights Commission, I am sure the Board of Commissioners will be elated," Willard wrote.

Egan signed the Executive Order last week and it requires State construction projects to utilize the "goals and timetables" established in the Alaska Plan.

The Chairman said that all signatory unions and Contractor Associations had earlier endorsed the Governor's action, "as necessary to further advance equal opportunity in the construction industry."

Willard said the implication of the Governor's order "will make it easier for the industry to achieve the goals and objectives of the Alaska Plan" as previously the Plan applied only to federal or federally-assisted projects.