

Ivey receives national award from president

President George Bush has announced the selection of Gerald H. Ivey, Alaska area director for the Indian Health Service, as a recipient of the 1989 Presidential Meritorious Executive Rank Award, according to the IHS.

The IHS, an agency of the U.S. Public Health Service, operates a \$1 billion program aimed at providing services and improving the health status of the nation's 1.7 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Alaska Area Native Health Service is a significant part of that program.

Ivey joined the IHS in 1969 as the

head of the Office of Native Affairs for the Alaska area and was subsequently promoted to executive officer and then area director. From 1984 to 1987, he served in IHS headquarters as deputy director of the agency before returning to the position of Alaska Area director.

Ivey is a graduate of the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he received a bachelor's degree in education. Ivey received a master's degree in public health from the University of California, Berkeley.

An Alaska Native, Ivey is of Athabascan descent. He is married to Rosalie Ivey, and they have two sons. They live in Anchorage.



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