## Kotzebue nominated for All-American City Award

Kotzebue is one of nineteen communities nationwide designated as finalists for the National Municipal League's 32nd Annual All-America Cities Award. The All-America Cities program seeks to recognize to develop cooperative solutions to community problems, often in partnership with local businesses and public officials.

According to a Municipal League spokeswoman, Kotzebue's nomination, which was submitted by city manager Gene Moore, was based on three projects: the consolidation of regional search and rescue operations, the improvement of ambulance service, and citizen improvements to the small boat harbor and the adjacent park area. Identified as key figures in the improvement projects were John Schaeffer, Junior, the president of NANA Regional Corporation; Jeff Smith of Mauneluk Association; and Chester Ballot, the general manager of O-T-Z Telephone Cooperative.

The next step in the program is a formal presentation by representatives of the communities to the All-America Cities Award Jury at the National Municipal League's Conference on Government, to be held this year in Houston from November 15-18. The winners will be announced next spring.