

Long-range economy plan for natives

Approval of a \$75,000 grant to help establish a program to encourage long-range planning for economic growth in American Indian and Alaskan Native communities was announced by Wilmer D. Mizell, assistant secretary of commerce for economic development.

The United Indian Planners Association, with offices at 1239 G Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to help pay the costs of the program for a year.

In addition to establishing a professional organization for planners serving reservations, communities and villages, the program will include establishment of a library and distribution of technical assistance publications to the planners.

Association officials anticipate that stronger lines of communications between the planners will enhance long-range programs to create job opportunities for unemployed and underemployed Indians and Alaskan Natives.

The United Indian Planners Association will provide \$75,000 to complete the \$150,000 total cost of the program.