

Five Interior Villages Sue TAPS...

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Slope to Valdez in the south. The withdrawal was announced earlier in the week in a tele-

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
Sealed bids in single copy for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment, and performing all work on Project F-037-2(17), Fairbanks-McKinley Park Highway, Nenana Canyon, described herein, will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, March 12, 1970 in the Commissioner's Office, Department of Highways, Island Center Building, Douglas, Alaska.

This project consists of grading and drainage of 4,725 miles of roadway, construction of five composite bridges, and one structural plate arch culvert. The project is located in the Nenana Canyon, between Moody and McKinley Park Station, approximately 114 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Principal items of work consist of the following: 163 acres of Celaring and Grubbing; 2,200,000 cubic yards of Subbase, grading A; 3,000 linear feet of 36" diameter Pipe Conduit; 12,000 linear feet of Beam type Guard Rail; Approximately 950 cubic yards of Class A Concrete, lump sum, all required; Approximately 164,000 pounds of Reinforcing Steel, lump sum, all required; Approximately 400,000 pounds of Structural Steel, lump sum, all required; 1,856 linear feet of Structural Steel Piles; and miscellaneous items of work.

All work shall be completed by October 1, 1972.

Plans and specifications may be obtained by all who have a bona fide need for them for bidding purposes from the Chief Design Engineer, P.O. Box 1467, Juneau, Alaska 99801. Plans may be examined at Department of Highways District Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Valdez.

Robert L. Beardsley
Commissioner of Highways

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the University of Alaska in the office of Dr. William R. Wood, President of the University of Alaska, College, Alaska, until 2:00 p.m., Fairbanks local time on March 10, 1970 for the construction of a Campus Activities Center Building, University of Alaska, College, Alaska, and will then and there be publicly opened and read aloud. The construction bids will include general, mechanical and electrical work.

Plans, specifications and form of contract documents may be examined in the office of the Executive Director, Planning and Operations, University of Alaska; Alaska Architectural & Engineering Company, 710 Third Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701; Associated General Contractors, 3451 Airport Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701; Construction Plan Bureau, 801 Barnette Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701; Associated General Contractors, P.O. Box 3-4088, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; Associated General Contractors, 215 West Harrison Street, Seattle 98119; Plan Bureau Office, 172 Mercer Street, Seattle, Washington 98101; Scan, 5815 Sixth Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98101 and Associated General Contractors, 1008 N.E. Multanomah Street, Portland, Oregon 97232.

A set of plans and specifications and forms may be obtained at the office of Alaska Architectural & Engineering Company, Architects, Box 509, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701, upon deposit of a certified check for \$100 payable to the Alaska Architectural & Engineering Company. This deposit will be returned to all persons who return the contract documents in good condition within a period of 15 days after date of bid opening. A maximum of two sets will be allowed each bidder.

Prospective bidders are hereby directed to read carefully and consider the plans and specifications and to visit the site of the work so as to enable them to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the conditions, particularly the difficulties existing at the site and to make the necessary measurements at examinations. No consideration will be given to any claim that a bid was made without full comprehension of the conditions to be encountered.

Bid security in the form of money order, certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the University of Alaska, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties, in the amount of not less than five (5%) of the bid will be required.

Performance bond will be required in the amount of 100% of the contract price and labor and material bond will be required in the amount of 50% of the contract price. Liquidated damages for delay will be in accordance with the contract documents.

This right is reserved, as the interest of the University of Alaska may require, to reject any and all bids, to waive any information in bids received, and to accept or reject any item of any bid.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked and addressed as follows:

Bid for the Campus Activities Center To be opened: March 10, 1970, 2:00 p.m. Fairbanks local time, Dr. William R. Wood, President, University of Alaska, College, Alaska 99701.

gram sent to Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel. In the telegram the villages asked that the Interior Department not issue a pipeline right of way over any land claimed by them.

Rural Boroughs

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would be split equally among the boroughs with allowances made for economic factors.

For instance, Shively explained, if the per capita income of an area is lower than the state average then that area would receive more money.

The remaining portion of the money—40 per cent—would go to the boroughs on the basis of population.

Furthermore, 10 per cent of the total money going to each regional borough must be split equally among the villages in the borough.

The committee hopes that the bill, Shively said, will provide a structure through which other problems of the rural areas can be solved.

The regional borough, he continued, could use the money for whatever improvements it felt necessary—whether for health facilities, water and sewer, or for matching funds for federal projects.

Residents of the regional borough would not pay taxes, he said, and even if they did, they could not pay enough to support the services provided by most urban boroughs.

The committee has also developed a number of recommendations that it feels supports the needs of Alaska and plans to present these, as recommendations, to the legislature for it to use as it sees fit.

Both the proposed legislation and the recommendations were drawn from opinions and suggestions made by villagers and specialists with particular experience in rural Alaska.

The agencies sponsoring the committee's work are the Rural Alaska Community Action Agency Program; Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency; Alaska Federation of Natives; Alaska Training and Planning Center; Community Enterprise Development Corporation; Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Alaska Legal Services Corporation. Shively is the deputy director of RURAL CAP.

Letters to the Editor

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ready schools in the rural areas. What kind of education does he mean?—the kind that gets you fired? Since when can you predict a "realistic goal" for a community when you aren't even there?

I stand with the other eight volunteers; that makes nine of us. I wonder how many more aren't afraid?

Gary Ann Keim
VISTA I

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WANTED: Member Education Director for a non-profit cooperative. Duties include informing indigenous people of the villages in Alaska of the benefits to be derived from a cooperative type organization, training and supervising volunteer village workers in soliciting membership applications holding membership meetings, explaining the use of and demonstrating electrical appliances, consulting with local state and federal agencies to coordinate various functions and programs with the work of the cooperative. Qualifications: Experience in coordinating work among indigenous people of Alaska, college education preferred. Administrative and editing ability required. Salary between \$14,000 and \$15,000 per year plus per diem while traveling. Write: Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc., 999 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99502. AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

telegram was being written and would be issued "shortly."

The department is making a big effort to provide an adequate reply, he added.

In announcing the court action, president of the Tanana Chiefs Al Ketzler said, "We waived our land rights for benefits and or opportunities, and these benefits and or opportunities never materialized."

The Tanana Chiefs is an organization composed of representatives of 34 Native villages in the Yukon-Tanana drainage.

Ketzler continued that the natives organized the DNH Development Corporation, an Athabaskan Indian organization, to take advantage of the contract opportunities promised by TAPS.

The initials DNH stand for Athabaskan words which translated mean "Our Land Speaks."

According to the document filed in court Wednesday, the villages contend that TAPS represented to them that in return for releases of native claims, they would receive "preferential employment opportunities and pipeline construction work and preferential treatment in obtaining contracts of the corporation."

TAPS further represented, the document says, that the DNH corporation "would be given the right of first refusal on contracts, that it would receive contracts for which it was not the low bidder if its bids were competitive and that it would receive a letter of intent for use in negotiating joint ventures and other joint arrangements with third parties possessing the technical and financial abilities for the purpose of taking advantage of DNH preferential contract rights."

"DNH corporation has received no contracts from TAPS despite numerous attempts to obtain them. It has not been given the right of first refusal in any contract. On numerous occasions DNH has requested that it be placed on TAPS mailing list for invitations to bid but the defendants have failed and refused to put it on the mailing list."

State Bills ...

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The corporations could dissolve and divide their funds on a per capita basis among their Native stockholders after 25 years.

Under Rep. Sackett's bill, the state contribution would come from the sale, lease, exchange or disposal of state land and would be paid to Native business corporations in annual installments of \$5 million.

An Alaska Native Commission would oversee disbursement of the funds to the corporations.

Sno-go Freight

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CAB spokesman explained that both Alaska Airlines and Wien Consolidated were permitted to increase their rates after proving to the board that it was necessary for them to do so.

"No complaints were received from Alaskan shippers protesting any of the foregoing increases at the time they were filed," the letter stated.

On this matter, Dorsey contended in a letter to the Tundra Times, that "the average villager does not have available to him a traffic man well versed in how to read tariffs."

"Neither," he added, "do I know of any media going to the villages which would carry proposed rate changes."

The ANICA manager also wrote letters to Senator Ted Stevens and Representative Howard W. Pollock asking for information on the rate increase but did not indicate that he had received a response from them.

TAPS has furthermore failed and refused to provide DNH with information and specifications, the document continued.

A spokesman for the TAPS said in his Anchorage office this week that TAPS has not formally contacted the Tanana Chiefs since the announcement of their withdrawal of the previous waiver.

He did not know what action the company would be taking in regard to the withdrawal.

Concerning the charges that TAPS has broken its promises to the natives, John Nation said that TAPS has adopted the firm policy to make job opportunities and contract opportunities available to Alaskans, especially Alaskan natives whenever possible.

And, he continued, TAPS will work with the contractors, who will be doing the actual hiring, in implementing this firm policy.

"How this will be done," he added, "we are not in a position to say at this time."

Reaffirming the company's commitment to the above employment policy, Nation said, "We have every intention of carrying it out."

In the document filed in court, the villages contended that TAPS has not assumed and performed certain obligations which they represented they would perform and "which they had and now have no intention of assuming and performing."

According to Nation, TAPS has not had a great deal going on. The company has yet to receive the pipeline right of way and will be delayed in construction until the permit is granted.

Some equipment has been mobilized for the proposed pipeline road, but, if the right of way is not received, all of this equipment will be pulled back, he added.

Some work is being done, he said, on the pipeline construction road west of Livengood.

Spokesmen for the Tanana Chiefs and the DNH Corporation have said that the group feels it has been slighted on the contracts for work on the ice bridge across the Yukon.

According to Tim Wallis, chairman of the board of the DNH Development, the corporation submitted a bid for the job but the contract was awarded to another company.

The contract, Nation said, went to competitive bids and the contractor is now at work on the bridge.

And, he continued, although the total work force is a small, it is all native.

Ketzler has also said that TAPS

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is in a position to coordinate growth efforts with industry in southeast Alaska, and it will aggressively seek such a relationship as a partner in this development in its area and its state. The benefits of future growth and development must also accrue to our people.

Present at the Feb. 1 Central Council Executive Committee meeting in Sitka were: John Borbridge, Jr., president and general manager, Anchorage; Charles Nelson, first vice president, Ketchikan; Richard Kito, vice president, Petersburg; Roger Lang, vice president, Sitka; James Thomas, Secretary, Anchorage; and Harvey Marvin, treasurer, Mt. Edgecumbe.

Other business items discussed at the meeting which opened at 9 a.m. Feb. 1 and concluded with a four-hour public meeting at the Sitka ANB Hall ending at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 2 included the status of:

a. An EDA proposal which

Native Health Area Doctor to Be in Fairbanks

Dr. John F. Lee, Medical Director, Alaska area Native Health Service announced the stationing of a Native Health Service physician, Dr. Harold Sexton in Fairbanks to commence duties approximately February 15, 1970, under the direction of the Tanana Service Unit Director.

The new location for the office will be the Arctic Bowl Building, 950 Cowles, adjacent to the office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as soon as remodeling is completed about March 1, 1970.

Only the Dental Branch will remain at the present location, 528 5th Avenue.

This change is in response to a steadily increasing patient load and the need to provide coordination to the variety of health programs and agencies with which the Fairbanks office of the Native Health Service is involved.

It is reported that between 10 and 15 new permanent and itinerant patients per week are requesting medical services. Demand for other types of health and health related services has been rapidly increasing.

Dr. Sexton, the new manager of health services and resources, will be working in close cooperation with the Native people of Fairbanks and the Tanana area, the Alaska Native Medical Center, the private physicians and medical clinics, Community Hospital and Bassett Hospital to continue to provide high quality medical services with the State Division of Public Health and Welfare, the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, the Fairbanks Health Center and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Assisting him will be a newly assigned Medical Social Worker, due to arrive in April 1970, as well as the present small administrative staff.

Dr. Sexton, a native Oregonian, is expected to arrive in Alaska in early February.

has made it difficult for villagers to bid on projects by not giving adequate specifications on the jobs.

Stressing that he could not comment on the particular situation of DNH, Nation said that TAPS gave out specifications only to those companies with the necessary technological know-how.

A lot of small companies requested specifications and TAPS declined to give them because it was obvious that they could not handle the job, he added.

will add three full-time professional planners to the Central Council staff as it gears up for the future.

b. The Tlingit and Haida distribution bill which will make \$6.8 million in judgment fund money available to the Tlingit and Haidas possibly as early as May of 1970.

c. A proposal for the improvement of communications between the 18 member organizations through the use of a video-tape network.

d. The development of guidelines for a supplementary program for the care of our elderly people and a program that would supplement resources available to Tlingit and Haida citizens seeking an education.

The Central Council also reviewed actions taken in two instances in which the organization had defended Tlingit subsistence fishermen against prosecution by the State of Alaska in Klukwan and Sitka.