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STATEWIDE NATIVE CORPORATION  
AND REGIONAL NATIVE CORPORATIONS

Historically, dependence and reliance on federal and state programs has effectively denied the principle of self-determination to the aboriginal people of the United States. The Alaska Natives want to govern themselves within the limitations of the law. Control of their destinies must therefore be transferred to the Native people. Meaningful progress toward that end can be taken in the settlement legislation. AFN therefore proposes the creation of (a) a statewide Native corporation and (b) up to twelve regional corporations as described above. A statewide organization, as a federation of regional associations, presently exists. The Native people strongly believe that the regional corporations would provide a maximum of local self-determination without impairing efficiency. As is apparent from the proposed distribution of funds, AFN wants to build strong regional corporations. AFN believes that there is capable regional leadership to manage the lands and money granted in the legislation.

The regional corporations should have maximum flexibility and the power to engage in any commercial or eleemosynary activities, either individually or in groups. In order to make maximum use of their resources, the regional corporations should be empowered to merge, engage in joint ventures, employ common managerial services, or collectively take whatever