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SITKA, ALASKA (2010-11-10) Sealaska will soon open a branch of its Lower-48 information technology subsidiary in a Southeast Alaska village.

It will be small, employing only three or four people. But officials say it could be the first of several remote offices in the region.

Jon Duncan is president and CEO of **Managed Business Solutions**, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"The plan is to launch a small satellite office and this office would be leveraging whatever infrastructure or technology that is resident in the village. And if that village or community is lacking that technology we actually bring that technology to them," he says

Managed Business Solutions has about 250 employees, but Duncan is the only Sealaska shareholder. He says his goal is to train and employ other shareholders who will telecommute from their hometowns.

The company was formed in 1993 and conducts business worldwide. It offers data management, software development, staffing and hardware services.

Duncan says **Sealaska, the regional Native corporation for Southeast**, bought a controlling share about three years ago.



"Sealaska provides added benefits and strength as we go to market in sectors such as the federal sector, that gives us small disadvantaged business, or 8-a status. And also our minority status in the Fortune 500 accounts, specifically the diversity top 50," he says.

The company has not decided which village will get the remote office. But Duncan hopes to have it up and running by the New Year.

Sealaska CEO Chris McNeil says Managed Business Solutions holds potential for income, as well as employment.

"This is a growing area of our business. We're looking forward to the wide array of both services and customers that it can bring to its relationship with Sealaska," he says.

The corporation has about 20,000 shareholders. Other subsidiaries are involved in timber, plastics, and gravel. It recently began **a regional division** that could develop oyster farming, berry-picking and other village-based businesses.

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