Citizen-Owned Businesses: Key to Building Sustainable Tribal Economies

Agenda

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
1:30pm to 4:00pm
Wisconsin Center
Room 103C

For most tribal nations, small businesses owned and operated by tribal members/citizens are critical to their ability to build sustainable economies. This panel session will examine the many different ways that citizen-owned businesses serve as a catalyst for tribal economic and community development. It also will explore how tribal nations, tribal leaders, and other key players like Native CDFIs can work strategically to (1) create a positive legal, commercial, physical, and social environment for citizen-owned business development; and (2) cultivate citizen entrepreneurs to contribute to the economy building effort. Finally, it will showcase several innovative approaches to citizen-owned business development in Indian Country.

Moderator:
- Dr. Ian Record, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance

Speakers:
- John “Rocky” Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director, Native CDFI Network
- Martin Harvier, Vice President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Chris James, Executive Director, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
- Major Robinson, Advisor, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- Joan Timeche, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

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1:30 - 1:40 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Framing Remarks
- Dr. Ian Record, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance (moderator)

1:40 – 2:00 p.m. The Many Contributions of Citizen-Owned Businesses to Tribal
Economies and Communities
- Chris James, Executive Director, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
- Joan Timeche, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

2:00 - 2:20 p.m. The Many Challenges Facing Citizen-Owned Businesses in Indian Country
- Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director, Native CDFI Network
- Chris James, Executive Director, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

2:20 - 2:35 p.m. Key Steps Tribal Governments Can Take to Foster Citizen-Owned Businesses
- Joan Timeche, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

2:35 - 2:50 p.m. Q&A/Discussion

2:50 - 3:20 p.m. Tribal Governments Creating Fertile Ground: Two Innovative Examples
- Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation: John “Rocky” Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Procurement Process: Martin Harvier, Vice President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

3:20 – 3:40 p.m. Two Key Partners in Fostering Small Business Development in Indian Country: Native CDFIs and Indian Business Alliances
- Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director, Native CDFI Network
- Major Robinson, Advisor, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

3:40 - 3:55 p.m. Q&A/Discussion

3:55 - 4:00 p.m. Resources for Further Learning and Closing