



**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**