



Minnesota Indian Business Conference & Showcase 2008

October 28–29, 2009
Treasure Island Resort & Casino, Welch M

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Posting of the Colors and Invocation

9:00 Welcome
Dale Old Horn, *Master of Ceremonies*

9:15 *Setting the Stage*
Dr. Bruce P. Corrie, Ph.D., *Dean, College of Business and Organizational Leadership, Concordia University*
Dan McElroy, *Commissioner, MN Department of Employment & Economic Development*

10:00 Break

10:15 *Sustainability and Predictability: Creating Vibrant Tribal Economies*
Ron His Horse Is Thunder, *Chair, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe*

11:00 *Challenges We Face as Indian Business Owners*
A Panel Discussion with Minnesota Indian Business Owners

12:00 p.m. Lunch

Keynote Presentation

Competing in Today's Market: The Impact of Indian Business in Corporate America

Margo Gray-Proctor, *President, The Horizon Companies*
Recipient, 2005 National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's Indian Business Owner of the Year Award; and Recipient, 2004 National Indian Business Association's Outstanding National Native American Women-Owned Business Award

1:45 *Enhancing Tribal Sovereignty Through Constitutional Reform*
Shawn Real Bird, *Economic Development Director, Crow Nation*
Leonika Charging, *Attorney, Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan, LLC, Omaha NE*

2:30 Break

2:45 *Concurrent Sessions

3:45 Break

4:00 *Concurrent Sessions

5:00 Day One Closing Comments

6:00 Reception

****Concurrent Session Topics:***

- ♦ *Practicalities of Constitutional Reform*
- ♦ *Utilizing New Market Tax Credits to Enhance Business Development*
- ♦ *Ensuring American Indian Business Presence—TERO and Corporate Best Practices*
- ♦ *Creating an American Indian Equity Fund for Private Business Development*
- ♦ *Enhancing Tribal Governance—Codes of Ethics*
- ♦ *Tribal Commercial and Business Law Development*

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:30 Coffee Talk with the Experts

This is an opportunity for conference attendees to meet with concurrent session presenters at breakfast in small groups to discuss issues pertinent to their particular interests

8:30 Welcome and Invocation

8:45 Keynote Presentation: *Nation Building and Effective Leadership*

Manley Begay Jr., Executive Director, Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy – Udall Center for Public Policy, University of Arizona

9:30 *Tribal Secured Transactions Law: Enhancing Access to Affordable Credit for Business Development*

A Panel Discussion about the Importance of Secured Lending Laws in Indian Country, and the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act

John Herrera, Attorney, Board Member, Western Bank of Cass County

Mark Ritchie, Minnesota Secretary of State

Shawn Real Bird, Economic Development Director, Crow Nation

Susan Woodrow, Project Director, Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Helena MT Branch

10:30 Break

10:45 *Creating Sound Business Environments in Indian Country - Enhancing Tribal Court Systems*

Maylinn Smith, Director, Indian Law Clinic, University of Montana School of Law

Dennis Puz, Jr., Esq., Best & Flanagan LLP

11:30 *Partnering to Diversify and Strengthen Indian Country Economies – Creating a Statewide Indian Business Alliance*

A Panel Discussion moderated by Pamela Standing, Executive Director, Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce

Maria Valandra, Chair, Montana Indian Business Alliance and Community Development Officer, First Interstate Bancsystem, Montana and Wyoming

Dani Daugherty, Chair, South Dakota Indian Business Alliance and Economic Development Director, Great Plains Regional Office—Aberdeen, South Dakota, Bureau of Indian Affairs

John Breuninger, Executive Committee, Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance; Director of

Planning, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin; and Chairman of the Board, Oneida Nation-owned Bay Bank

12:15 Lunch

Keynote Presentation

How Indian Business Creates New Opportunities in Indian Country

Andy Wells III, President/CEO, Wells Technology; Recipient, 2008 National Center for American

Indian Enterprise Development's Indian Business Owner of the Year Award; Recipient, 2006

Metropolitan Economic Development Association's Entrepreneur of the Year Award; Founder, The Wells Academy

1:45 *What Would Your Community Look Like With a Thriving Private Business Sector?*

A Panel Discussion with Minnesota Tribal Community Leaders

2:45 Closing Comments