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The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development - NCAIED INPRO 2009 – Native American 40 Under 40 Nomination Deadline Draws Near

Mesa, Ariz. – July 27, 2009 - Organizers of the 34th Annual Indian Progress in Business Event INPRO 2009, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) announced today that nomination submission for the Native American 40 under 40 awards is this **Friday, July 31st, 2009**

New to this year's INPRO 2009 line up, the **Native American 40 Under 40 Recognition Reception** will celebrate not only the National Center's 40th Anniversary, but also recognizes 40 existing and emerging native leaders under the age of 40.

The Native American 40 must be nominated and will be selected based on their demonstration of leadership, initiative and dedication in propelling native businesses and communities toward further progression throughout Indian Country.

Those interested in nominating a candidate to be considered as a Native American 40 Under 40 honoree are encouraged to do so. Individuals may also nominate themselves.

Hosted by the National Center for American Indian Economic Development and presenting sponsor Raytheon, INPRO 2009 is all about making connections that lead to contracts and continued commerce.

The Native American 40 Under 40, the First American Leadership Awards, Fall Classic Golf Tournament, Business Procurement Fair and Matchmaking, and the Artisans Marketplace are additional events at this year's exciting INPRO 2009, which takes place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Tulsa. The golf tournament will take place at the Tulsa Country Club.

The National Center anticipates over 350 people to attend INPRO 2009, including major corporate players like Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Macy's Inc., Northrop Grumman, Nortel and many more. Tribal leaders, business owners and their supporters will also be in attendance.

Rooms are available for attendees at the \$79 double occupancy rate, just be sure to mention the INPRO 2009 rate when making reservations. This fantastic rate is available through Friday, September 4.

For detailed information on sponsorship opportunities, Native American 40 nominations and general registration queries, please contact event specialist Zona Michelena at 480-545-1298 ext. 230, or email events@ncaied.org.

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