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National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) INPRO 2009 tees off on Sept. 16 in Tulsa, Oklahoma Register Now!

TULSA, OK – July 20, 2009 - The 34th Annual Indian Progress in Business Event, or INPRO 2009, is slated to take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Tulsa on Sept. 16-18. “Celebrating Achievement at the Crossroads of Indian Country” is this year’s theme, which promises dynamic business networking opportunities with the movers and shakers of Indian Country and Fortune 500 companies.

Visionary entrepreneur Dave Anderson, founder of Famous Dave’s will emcee INPRO 2009, which is the National Center for American Indian Economic Development’s oldest and most prestigious American Indian business recognition celebration.

The premiere black tie event for Indian Country will acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions of Native American business owners and those who support their business and economic endeavors.

INPRO 2009 is presented by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (www.ncaied.org) and Raytheon (www.raytheon.com). INPRO 2009 is a Native American Conference brought to you by a Native American Organization, and is created by the Producers of the very popular Reservation Economic Summit (RES).

The First American Leadership Awards, Fall Classic Golf Tournament, Business Procurement Fair and Matchmaking, Native American 40 under 40 Recognition Reception, and Artisans Marketplace are some of the events at INPRO 2009. In addition, attendees will be offered numerous sessions in business related information.

NCAIED’s success with hosting INPRO goes beyond just pulling together logistics and booking registrations. Native American business owners can experience personal interface with representatives of Fortune 500 companies that are seeking contractors.

The National Center’s efforts have garnered several success stories of American Indian business owners landing contracts from networking opportunities.

One networking prospect will give attendees the chance at hitting two holes in one.

Because many business professionals enjoy hitting the links, the **INPRO 2009 Fall Classic Golf Tournament** at the Tulsa Country Club Golf Course is an opportune time to exchange ideas and network with corporate and native business owners alike.

NCAIED and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma are co-hosting the golf tournament, which will be played on the majestic 161-acre course, offering views of the Tulsa skyline. Vibrant greens, deep bunkers and a challenging course have made the course a favorite with PGA pros and novice tournament players alike. The country club would like to remind participants that jeans, t-shirts, cargo pants/shorts and mini skirts are not allowed. Men and women are required to wear collared shirts and soft spikes to gain access to the course.

Special pricing has been introduced for a limited time for the golf tournament. Gold sponsorship is available for \$2000, Silver sponsorship for \$1000, and Individual Player for \$250.00. For more information on the golf course, please see www.tulsacountryclub.com.

New to this year's event is the **Native American 40 Under 40 Recognition Reception**, which celebrates 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. **The deadline for nomination submission has been extended to July 31, 2009.**

INPRO 2009 promises to have something for everyone, and special pricing for this event has been introduced for a limited time.

Banquet sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$4,000 to \$15,000. Additionally, sponsorship packets ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 are available for the golf tournament. A combination Conference and Banquet Individual price of \$399.00 is available for a limited time.

NCAIED 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.

The INPRO 2009 event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Tulsa in downtown Tulsa. Rooms are available for attendees at the \$79 double occupancy rate, just be sure to mention the INPRO 2009 rate when checking-in. This rate is available through Friday, September 4, 2009. For more information on the hotel, please visit www.cptulsaahotel.com.

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

Proceeds benefit the American Indian Fellowship in Business Scholarship Program. Proceeds also support the mission of NCAIED, which is to develop the American Indian private sector. NCAIED is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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