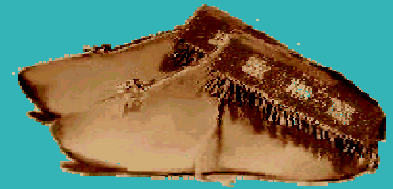


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- Save the Date!
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New Members

- Complete Quality
Installations, Inc.
- EXP-AIR, Inc.
- Honda Manufacturing
of North America
- Metro Piping, Inc.
- Microsoft Corporation
- Native American
Industries
- Nature's Way Tissues
- Red Man Pipe &
Supply Company
- Selah, Inc.
- The Home Depot

2006 CONFERENCE

This year's theme: **"Gathering to Plan for Our Future"** is not just a theme, but a belief and a strategy; a plan of action toward growth, expansion, joint ventures, and partnerships with the end result being sustainability for any company. NABA's long tradition of exciting, premiere conference programs continues with UPS, Inc. serving as the Conference Event Sponsor and Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (retired—CO) as the Gala Keynote Speaker. NABA will provide the 200+ conference attendees with a fabulous program consisting of seminars that will help members sharpening their entrepreneurial business skills; hands-on training in searching for financial assistance; and sessions that will give members a better understanding of joint ventures. Another special feature this year will be the recognition of NABA Members and Corporate Members who have a Story of Success to share. This is the first year we have held Story of Success Awards; they were developed to recognize and celebrate the longevity of the business relationships developed in connection with NABA and its mission. In addition to the Story of Success Awards, awards will be given to the Corporation of the Year, New Member of the Year, Native American Business of the Year, Advocate of the Year and Spirit Award.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH: HARVARD RESOURCE GROUP

Our vision is to establish ourselves as the best specialized staffing service available.

At Harvard Resource Group we do something that might sound quite simple on the surface: we match employees' skills and personalities to employers' needs and environment.

Client Meeting: Because no two clients are the same, we take a personal and consultative approach to thoroughly understand the business, culture, hiring needs, and performance objectives of the company. We work closely with each client to define the position's precise responsibilities. We skillfully present job opportunities and company culture to

suitable candidates.

Candidate Search: Our comprehensive pre-qualified database enables us to quickly locate the talent available for each staffing need — taking into consideration technical expertise, personality, and work performance.

Our Guarantee: Because it's important to us that we meet all of your expectations, our services are fully guaranteed.



RECONNECTING

We cannot depend on governments to heal our wounds. We have to help each other.

-Hene, Maori Woman Elder

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OUR MISSION:

To facilitate mutually beneficial relationships between Native American-owned companies and private and public business sectors and to educate communities about Native American Culture, paving the way for future generations.



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



"Our return to the Land of Enchantment"

On April 23, 2006, the Native American Business Alliance Fund will return to the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa to host its 6th Annual National Business Conference. The Hyatt is a perfect location to hold a conference, since it is located on the beautiful Santa Ana Pueblo Indian Reservation outside Albuquerque, New Mexico. The focus of this year's conference is to examine, fine tune and

evaluate how we do business within Indian Country and with the Corporations.

Behold! The land of enchantment will captivate you with the picturesque view of the mountains and sunsets; the 2006 NABA Business Conference will leave you with a feeling of opportunity for building a business relationship with a new business contact.

Remember, the deadline for hotel accommodations is March 23rd and the deadline to register for the conference is April 7, 2006.

NABA IN CANADA AND ABORIGINAL NEWS

In October of 2005, NABA attended two very important international events held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The 1st Annual Aboriginal Business Summit was hosted by the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board (NAEDB) and the Canadian Aboriginal Supplier and Minority Council (CAMSC) Business Achievement Awards was an event filled with pride and recognition of many Native American and Minority-Owned Businesses. NABA has developed

a strong relationship with each organization, and a mutual respect for one another's mission is the focus providing many Native American Business Owners more opportunities to network and to expand their business contact portfolios. Jackie Gant, NABA's National Executive Director, said: "This was a wonderful international event to attend, and it was great to see opportunities continue to develop between Canada and the United States for the benefit of Native People".

NABA Connections

- NABA is working closely with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico to help promote, market and distribute conference materials. The Chamber has been very supportive. We salute each and every one of them!
- NABA participated in the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Multi-Cultural Business Exchange held on February 9, 2006 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Dearborn, MI. The event was sponsored by General Motors Corporation; Andra Rush, President of Rush Trucking, served as the Guest

Speaker for this annual networking event. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet a variety of vendors connected to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

- NABA attended the 2005 National Minority Supplier Development Council Conference and Business Opportunity Fair in Dallas, TX. The event provided NABA a great opportunity to network with potential corporate and general members. As a result of this connection, The Home Depot, Microsoft Corporation, Red Man Pipe and Supply Co., and Nature's Way Tissues have all become NABA members.

CULTURAL HAPPENINGS

In keeping with the traditional meaning connected to the NABA awards its recipients receive at our many events, NABA is turning to many local artists to showcase their talent:

- ⇒ Eugene Bereza of Gene Anthony Bereza Art Works will design and produce the NABA's Story of Success Award and permanent conference award. Gene has incorporated the use of cedar, silver, and bronze, and the symbolic use of the circle of life. If you are interested in Gene's work, he can be reached at (586) 764-2088.
- ⇒ Roger Williams of Roger Williams Authentic Native Crafts, Aamjiwnaang First Nation, has been NABA's go-to person when needing to purchase

authentic Native Gifts. Roger has sold his hand-crafted items during the opening of the American Indian Museum, Washington, DC and he travels throughout the summer attending various Pow Wows. His store is located in Sarnia, Ontario and he can be reached at (519) 344-1234.

- ⇒ Daniel Gallegos of Dan's Indian Art has made many of the NABA souvenir gifts that we have distributed at past conferences. From the black pottery to the centerpieces used at the National Conference, Dan's work is beautifully crafted and filled with much joy and pride. To purchase his wares, contact him at (615) 885-3328.

"Their innovation and creativity showcases the best of Indian Art."

-Jackie Gant

UPCOMING NABA EVENTS

- **April 23-25, 2006**
6th Annual National Business Conference
"Gathering to Plan for our Future" will be held at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya in Albuquerque, NM
- **August 21, 2006**
NABA Fund Annual Golf Outing (Fundraiser) & Networking Event at the Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion, Michigan

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **March 21:** Kellogg Company Million Dollar Club Reception, Battle Creek, MI
- **March 22:** MMBDC Supplier Breakfast, Kellogg Company, Battle Creek, MI
- **May 1-5:** MMBDC 25th Annual MMPC and Trade Fair, Detroit, MI
- **June 21:** National Aboriginal Day (Canada) / Canadian Aboriginal and Minority Supplier Council meeting

President's Message

NABA begins 2006 with a renewed purpose. Having celebrated our ten year anniversary we are more determined than ever to help move Native American Companies into the center of Commerce throughout the entire country.

We ask the Great Spirit to guide us along this path we travel so we may find the way to respect our culture and values as we walk in the corporate business world. To

see that through sustainable economic activity we can help our Community grow and prosper. We can start to make a better life for our children and our children's children.

It is our Mission to facilitate relationships that will help bring about economic growth in the Native American Community. It is our pledge to work harder than ever towards that goal.





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CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, North America - MBE's needed!

Toyota is in search of General Contractors who provide site work services. This work will include: grading the soil, tree removal, and underground utility work. If you are interested, please contact Alia Ali, Supplier Diversity, Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America at (859) 372 - 2567 or e-mail: alia.ali@tema.toyota.com to obtain a Bidder Evaluation Sheet.

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NABA Executive Director
- Dora Badger, NABA Administrative Assistant