



Talking Feather News for the week of December 15, 2008

Business Opportunity



NEW! The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Is Currently Seeking Bids

The **Texas Department of Criminal Justice** is currently accepting bids for the following jobs:

1.) Remove and replace underground storage tank- Bridgeport Unit. Requisition Number: 696-9-24514-D. Submit by January 07, 2009. Agency number 696.

2.) Replace roof, Trusty Camp Admin. Building- Clemens Unit. Requisition Number: 696-FD-9-B012. Submit by January 06, 2009. Agency number 696.

Bid packets are posted on the Electronic State Business Daily website. You may access the information by entering the requisition number.

<http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us>

For more information, contact the Texas Department of Criminal Justice HUB Program

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Upcoming Events



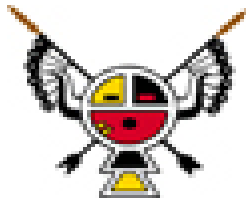
Indian Health Information Management Conference The Hyatt Regency Phoenix Phoenix, AZ December 15-19, 2008

The **Indian Health Information Management Conference** is designed to present and demonstrate valuable tools that support quality health care delivery to American Indian/Alaskan Native people in Federal (IHS), Tribal, and Urban settings. This year's theme is "Managing Health Information Technology to Improve Performance and Outcomes". This conference will take place **December 15-19, 2008** at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix in Phoenix, AZ. To register, visit www.IHS.gov and click on the conference tab.



**Winter Solstice Celebration
American Indian Health
Detroit, MI
December 19, 2008**

American Indian Health and Family Services will host a traditional Winter Solstice Celebration on Friday, December 19, 2008 from 6:00-9:00 PM. This family event will feature health screenings and flu shots. Also, new this year, volunteers will be registering adults for the National Marrow Donor Program. This event is free to attend, but dinner is potluck, so please bring a healthy dish to share. AIHFS is located at 4880 Lawndale, Detroit, MI 48210. For more information, call 313-846-3718 ext 1000 or 1113 or email nfox@aihfs.org.



**American Indian Inaugural Ball
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, VA
January 19-21, 2009**

The American Indian Society of Washington D.C. is proud to host this three day celebration highlighted by the American Indian Inaugural Ball. The event schedule includes the Native Youth Alliance pow wow on Monday January 19, 2009, the American Indian Inaugural Ball on Tuesday January 20, 2009 and an Inaugural brunch on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. All events will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at the Reagan National Airport, 2799 Jefferson Davis National Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. For more information, please visit <http://www.aiibdc.org/index.htm> or email AIS.inauguralball@yahoo.com.



**Financing Renewable Projects in Indian Country
Fort McDowell Resort
Scottsdale, AZ
January 29-30, 2009**

Financing Renewable Projects in Indian Country, presented by Piers Conference Group, will take place **January 29-30, 2009** in Scottsdale, Az. This conference will feature panel discussions including; Financing renewable energy projects, Government Initiatives in Developing Tribal Energy, and Building Green: Sustainable Design and Construction. For more information, visit www.pierconference.com or call 201-632-8111.



Gaming Law Minefield Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa Henderson, NV February 05-06, 2009

The American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, Section of Business Law Gaming Law Committee, and the ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education will host the 13th Annual National Institute on Gaming Law Minefield. This conference will take place **February 5-6, 2009** in **Henderson, NV**. Participants may earn Continuing Legal Education Credit by attending this program, which is geared to provide in depth coverage and discussion of the legal, regulatory, and ethical issues confronting both commercial and Native American gaming. For more information or to register, visit www.abacle.org/programs/n09glm1.html



Southern California MBOD Pacific Palms Resort & Conference Center Industry Hills, CA February 21, 2009

The “**MBOD Minority Business Opportunity Day**” hosted by the Southern California Minority Business Development Council exposes minority business to progressive workshops and seminars that optimize business potential and enhance business growth. This year’s trade show takes place on **February 21, 2009** at the Pacific Palms Resort and Conference Center, One Industry Hills Parkway, Industry Hills California, 91744. For more information, call Ms. Shawn Smith at (213) 689-6940 or email ssmith@scmbdc.org.



Partners for Profit Trade Fair 2009 Oneida Radisson Hotel Green Bay, WI April 14, 2009

The Partners for Profit 2009 Trade Fair is a business networking event designed to create new markets for suppliers, and new sources for buyers, and to enable MBEs the opportunity to identify current marketplace needs. The 2009 Trade Fair will take place on **April 14, 2009** at The Oneida Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI. 54313. For more information, visit <http://pfp2009.eventbrite.com/>.



NABA Fund Annual Business And Procurement Conference April 26-28, 2009 Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort Mt. Pleasant, MI

Save the Date! You won't want to miss the **Native American Business Alliance Fund Annual Business and Procurement Conference** being held on April 26-28, 2009 at the beautiful Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, 6800 East Soaring Eagle Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48854. Sponsorships are available; if you are interested please call the NABA office at 248-988-9344. This conference will feature many networking and business opportunities, gala awards dinner, golf networking session, and more! More information coming soon. Registration will begin in January 2009.



Holiday Hat and Glove Drive:

In an effort to share some warmth with needy Native American families this Holiday season, the Native American Business Alliance is hosting a hat and glove drive. We are asking our members to donate new hats and gloves in both children's and adult sizes. The collected items will be shared among American Indian Services, South Eastern Michigan Indians Inc., The North American Indian Association, and American Indian Health and Family Services. These are all local agencies that provide services to Native American Families. Please remember a child, adult, or elder in need as you are out doing your holiday shopping. We are asking that the hats and gloves be mailed or delivered to the NABA office by December 20, 2008. Our mailing address is 290 Town Center, Suite 624, Dearborn, MI 48126. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Facts For Your Health:

National Marrow Donor Program: For many patients with Leukemia, Lymphoma, or many other life threatening diseases, a bone marrow transplant is their best and/or only hope for a cure. When a patient finds out that they are faced with a bone marrow transplant, many turn to their family members. However, 70% of patients do not match with a family member. That's when they turn to the National Marrow Donor Program in hopes of finding a non-related match. Thanks to the efforts of the National Marrow Donor Program and Donors, more than 350 patients a month receive a transplant. However, there are still too many waiting for their match. Testing is a simple swab of the cheek. It's important for the registry to include people from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, so that everyone has the best possible chance of finding a match. It is especially important that more Native American /Aboriginal people join, as we are represented in especially low numbers. If you live in the Detroit area, and are interested in joining the registry, there will be a **Bone Marrow Drive** held at the Winter Solstice Celebration at American Indian Health and Family Services, 4880 Lawndale, Detroit, MI 48210, on **December 19, 2008 from 6:00-9:00 PM**. For more information, please email membercoord@n-a-b-a.org. You can find out more information on the National Marrow Donor Program at www.marrows.org.