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## Media Release

## California Indian Manpower Consortium reaches a milestone of 35 years of service to the Native American community

**Sacramento, California, January 28, 2013:** California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. (CIMC) will reach a major milestone on February 1, 2013 -- 35 years of service to Native American people. CIMC was formally created in 1978 under California state law as a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of working for the social welfare, educational and economic advancement of its member tribes, groups, organizations and Indians and other Native Americans living in its geographic service area. The service area currently includes a large part of California, all of Illinois, and three counties in Iowa, with seven field offices located in California (Bishop, Fresno, Moreno Valley, Pala, Redding, Sacramento, and Ukiah) and one in Chicago, Illinois.

CIMC is a consortium of federally recognized American Indian tribes, reservations, rancherias, bands, colonies, terminated rancherias, American Indian groups, entities, and organizations (public or private nonprofit). The primary purpose of CIMC is to offer training, employment, and other activities designed to meet the employment and training needs of the client population. CIMC employment and training programs have benefited an estimated 120,000 individuals since inception. The principal funding source is the federal Workforce Investment Act.

Other purposes of CIMC are: to promote community self-help programs and provide direct services to assist the eligible American Indian population to become economically self-sufficient and to alleviate poverty in the rural, reservation, and urban areas; to provide professional economic development services to assist American Indian tribes and organizations in developing funding strategies and public-private partnerships that will lead to greater economic vitality; and to promote and provide programs and activities designed to improve the educational attainment levels of Native American youth and adults.

As first Americans, we walk in the present, with our eyes on the future and the past in our hearts. We advocate pride in our cultural integrity. We honor the spirit that ensures continuity of the sacred circle. Our team of caring professionals: empowers Native Americans to achieve excellence; revitalizes our communities; and embraces the challenges of the 21st century.

