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Media Release

California Indian Manpower Consortium reaches a milestone of 30 years of service to the Native American community

Sacramento, California, January 25, 2008: California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. (CIMC) will celebrate 30 years of service to Native people on February 1, 2008. 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 service area.

The membership of the Consortium includes 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 the Consortium is to offer training, employment, and other activities designed to meet the employment and training needs of the client population. The principal funding source is the federal Workforce Investment Act.

Other purposes of the Consortium 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.
- ▶ 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.