California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.
The CIMC Movement: Creating Positive Change for Native Communities

Program Year 2005
Annual Report
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*  
  - *Embraces the challenges of the 21st century*
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Board of Directors

PROGRAM YEAR 2005

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Sacramento, California

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Erna Smith
Vallejo, California

Native American Workforce Investment Council

Members of CIMC's Native American Workforce Investment Council represent private and Native American employers, community based organizations and educational institutions who are committed to the advancement of Native Americans and their future generations. The Council's mission is to advise, assist and guide CIMC in the development and implementation of training programs for Native Americans. The Council is also responsible for identifying and opening doors to employment opportunities for trained and qualified Native American job seekers.

Richard Anderson, Actor
Entertainment Industry, Beverly Hills, California

Ben W. Bendel, Retired
Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Granite Bay, California

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Corporate Productions, Toluca Lake, California

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Child Welfare/Social Services, Oceanside, California

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California State Personnel Board, Sacramento, California

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American Indian Center, Chicago, Illinois

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Tribal Business Representative, Valley Center, California

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USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region, Vallejo, California

B. Rocky Solas, Retired
USDA Forest Service, North Highlands, California

Robert H. Smith, CIMC Chairman
California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc., Pala, California
During this past year, the California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) remained committed to working together to create positive change for the people and communities we serve, to contribute to the economic vitality of our vast service area, and to position the organization to deal with the future. The CIMC staff continue to strive to provide quality services to meet a varied range of needs with a commitment to achieving profound impacts for our Native families and communities. During Program Year 2005, we embraced the challenges of a downsizing in operations and reduced resources through an essential and necessary transformation of our organizational design.

We have had to build a responsive infrastructure and streamline systems and processes to position ourselves to optimally deal with the demands of the emerging implementation of the federally-imposed common measures and performance reporting system in Program Year 2006. We have had to be innovative in building our workforce by expanding our team through volunteer and community service support. We also continue to expand our resources and focus by pursuing new program initiatives and funding opportunities.

Through the guidance of the Board of Directors, we worked together to create positive outcomes for Native people, Native communities and the CIMC Membership. We will continue in a shared effort to meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities we face in Program Year 2006.

I am pleased to report that our programs met and/or exceeded program outcomes and objectives at the local, state and national levels.

Our accomplishments of Program Year 2005 are reflected throughout this Report. Serving children through our Child Care and Development Block Grant Program, expanding services to the Elders in our participating Tribes, meeting the essential emergency services to eligible American Indian individuals and families, developing trade education and opportunities for Native entrepreneurs and business in the global marketplace through the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Initiative, continuing the opportunity for career, education, and training pathways for youth and adults enrolled in our Workforce Development Programs throughout our vast geographic service area truly reflect the untiring work of CIMC’s caring team of professionals. Our VISTA volunteers and Elders Program Coordinator have contributed tremendously to expansion of services for our Elders through the California Wellness Foundation grant. The logistical support and work conducted through the U.S. Department of Labor Technical Assistance and Training contract continues to strengthen the Native American job training programs across the country. Census 2000 information data and products generated through our Census Information Center provide a look at trends and helps to better plan the maximizing of our resources. At the end of our Administration for Native Americans “Mutual Support Initiative to Strengthen Tribal TANF Programs” project, we saw the emergence of National Tribal TANF Alliance. We launched the Native American Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund technical assistance project to explore the creation of a CDFI to serve rural Native entrepreneurs in California and look forward to the implementation of a State VISTA Program through the Corporation for National and Community Service expanding the support for the Elders Program. We truly demonstrated that our team is resilient to change and committed to achieving our aspirations.

In order to complement our initiatives, we will build upon what works and define our priorities and focus accordingly. Our intention is to contribute to the economic and social well-being of those we serve and to provide the highest quality of service. As we continue our efforts to further develop our programs, we will maintain a strong voice and play a significant role in Indian and Native American employment and training issues and stand firmly to further policies and provisions which are consistent with the law, with federal Indian policy (including tribal sovereignty), and protect our ability as Indian tribes and organizations to meet the needs of Indian people.

We are pleased to share our accomplishments of this past year throughout this Program Year 2005 Annual Report. As we begin our journey into Program Year 2006, we remain committed to “The CIMC Movement: Creating Positive Change for Native Communities.”

Thank you to the CIMC Membership, CIMC Board of Directors, CIMC Native American Workforce Investment Council, and CIMC Staff, it is a privilege and honor to work for and with you.

Lorenda T. Sanchez
Executive Director
### Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program

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### Indian and Native American Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Grant

| U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Division of Indian and Native American Programs | TAT Program Expenditures | $801,866 |

### Native Employment Works (NEW) Program

| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families | NEW Program Expenditures | $394,095 |

### Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Program

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### Tribal TANF Support Initiative

| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans (ANA) | ANA Program Expenditures | $113,660 |

### Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program

| U.S. Department of the Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Technical Assistance Grant | CDFI Program Expenditures | $15,955 |

### Technical Support Grant

| Public Health Institute Center for Civic Partnership (CCP) | CCP Project Expenditures | $517 |
### Elders Program

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### Healthy Lifestyles, Prevention, and Wellness Promotion for Native American Elders Program

| The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF) | TCWF Program Expenditures | $26,060 |

### Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program

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### Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

| US Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) | FEMA Program Expenditures | $8,039 |

### Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG) Program

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Workforce Investment Act Title I

Program Year 2005 Enrollments by Field Office

Overall WIA Program Performance Measures
(based on characteristics of terminated participants)

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Native Employment Works
Program Year 2005 Enrollments by Field Office (Total - 60)

Supplemental Youth Services
PY 2005 Total Enrollments .......... 70

Total Enrollments .......... 582
Entered Unsubsidized Employment .... 290
Employability Enhancements Only .... 137
Other Terminations .......... 59
Participants Remaining at Year End ..... 96

- Entered Unsubsidized Employment
- Employability Enhancement
- Other Terminations

- Chicago
- Escondido
- Eastern Sierra
- Fresno
- Hoopa
- Redding
- San Bernardino/ San Jacinto
- Ukiah
Chicago Based Operations
1630 West Wilson Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60740
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Chicago Based Operations (CBO) covers a service area that includes the State of Illinois, and three counties of Clinton, Scott, and Muscatine in the State of Iowa. CBO staff exceeded its projected Program Year 2005 enrollment goals.

Given CBO staff’s commitment to assist Native people, the support of community members, employers, and training sites as partners in efforts to improve the lives of Native people within the CBO service area is greatly appreciated.

Noteworthy were increased enrollments in the Iowa service areas as well as Northern Illinois. Ongoing outreach efforts provided information regarding programs coordinated by the CBO office, and brought about an expanded base of participants in the overall geographic service area as well as alliances with community organizations.

The two client computer systems were used extensively. These systems allows participants to produce a standard resume and access to the internet for job search and labor market research.

CBO also installed a free Typing Test that allowed clients to obtain a current typing speed. All these tools assist individuals in securing employment. In order to maintain current, useful tools, CBO staff periodically go online to locate new job search programs and other valuable tools that assist the client’s job search.

In the summers of 2005 and 2006, CBO provided Summer Employment to all youth who were certified eligible. This was accomplished by reducing the amount of weeks the summer youth would work. Youth learned valuable work experience and was exposed to various career paths in a variety of occupations at their respective worksites.

Staff members continued to be directly involved in numerous informational outreach activities such as pow-wows and job fairs, and received excellent feedback from event hosts and participating communities. Attendance at these events resulted in clients being identified and services being provided.

CBO continued its participation on the State of Illinois Workforce Investment Board and the State of Iowa Region 9 Board.

Through the CBO network system, which includes Tribal entities, One Stop Centers, and business entities, CBO staff successfully leveraged available resources to provide the assistance needed in overcoming existing barriers for many participants. These ongoing working relationships with community allies made all the difference in providing appropriate, relevant support to our participants.

The CBO staff continued to work, on a regular basis and through referrals, with the National Ironworkers Training Program for American Indians located in Broadview, Illinois. CBO runs an estimated 90% completion rate for referrals to this program.

In order to equip participants, both youth and adults, with the tools and skills necessary to adapt to and succeed in the world of work, CBO provided an interactive Job Readiness Training between CBO staff and the participant. Commonly used readings include CIMC handbooks: “Things to Know to Keep Your Job,” which provides the participant with practical knowledge on what to expect at work, and “A Crash Course in Interview Preparation,” which covers valuable information regarding Job Search and Interview techniques.

One participant success story involves a 23-year-old individual, who concluded the training he had started in September 2003. He successfully completed his AA degree from ITT Tech on September 22, 2005, and went on to secure a living wage in the electronics field. He achieved his goal to provide for his young family and is currently looking forward to a better way of life for them all.
The Escondido Field Office (EFO) has been providing services to individuals residing in the Escondido Geographic Service Area on an ongoing basis without having an official office site through much of Program Year 2005. Many miles were traveled to continue to offer core services to potential customers, as well as Occupational Skills Training, Work Experience, case management and development of employment opportunities.

In response to the need for more effective services, CIMC relocated the office in a great space located on the Pala Reservation, graciously provided by the Pala Tribal Council. CIMC opened the office for business during the month of June 2006 and the rush was on.

The EFO, as a resource center, is prepared to offer resume preparation, career exploration, interviewing skills, coordination of services with other service providers, job development, referrals and placement services. As an eligible individual obtains a job and the employer requires tools, uniforms, boots or other special items, CIMC staff coordinates assistance for purchasing the items necessary.

EFO staff worked diligently to assist many youth with their pursuit of jobs and to develop Summer Youth Work Experience worksites. Among a few were Valley Center Feed Store, Valley Center High School, Mesa Grande Tribal Hall, Southern Indian Health Clinic, Warner Springs School District, Rincon Day Care, The Bridge Native Youth Scholars and San Diego State University. The youth were exceptional and successful in their pursuit of a career experience.

In addition, CIMC worked in coordination with Pala to recruit youth residing on the Pala Reservation and to place them into a job that was of interest to the individual. Several youth were hired for the summer by the Pala Tribe to perform tasks within various areas of their administration. The coordination of efforts was a true win-win situation for both employers.

Assistance was provided through the Occupational Skills Training activity to an eager, dedicated and persistent family man who completed his classes and obtained a job as a welder. Finally, the Work Experience activity was a welcome source of help for a participant who desired to connect herself into the labor force.

The efforts of the many Tribal and community personnel that assisted in the recruitment of clients and offered a place to complete the required paperwork is appreciated. The EFO staff look forward to a productive and enjoyable new year.

![Workforce Investment Act Program Year 2005 Enrollments](chart)
Program Year 2005 kept Eastern Sierra Field Office (ESFO) very busy with staff changes and preparation for the Program Year 2006 and the Common Measures process.

ESFO efforts resulted in three graduates, one from Heavy Equipment School in Las Vegas, Nevada at the top of her class. The other two graduated from Beauty School in Sacramento and Lancaster and will be taking their state boards exam in October. Two participants were enrolled in the National Ironworkers Training Program for American Indians in Chicago, Illinois and will graduate in November and will be placed in work by the Ironworkers Union.

The Paiute Palace Casino still remains ESFO's number one place for the majority of full time employment placement. Networking with the casino has been successful. New worksites have been established throughout Mono, Inyo and Kern Counties.

This year, ESFO enrolled two participants in CIMC's entrepreneurial training program and with one already having a business an the other still working to get his business up and running.

ESFO participated in College Career Day in Big Pine at the Big Pine Education Center with a huge turnout of students. A very successful year was experienced with the In School Youth, and Summer Youth being placed from Coleville on down to Bakersfield.

ESFO continues to keep on the road to employment for Native People and hopefully that road will continue to be successful during the new program year.
The Fresno Field Office (FFO) provided workforce development activities to assist individuals obtain and maintain employment, as well as assist them prepare for the workforce by overcoming barriers to become employable through a range of services. FFO focused on meeting the planned enrollments allocation for PY 05 and offered variety of activities that assisted the individual client at any level.

Outreach and recruitment efforts consisted of group orientations, networking with other service providers, and mailing of brochures and applications to Indian agencies/organizations and Tribal offices.

During the program year, FFO collaborated with other service providers and utilized all resources to expand the employment and training services. FFO coordinated services with Fresno County Workforce Connection One-Stop Centers Partners, Merced Work Net, Mariposa Job Connection, EDD Merced and Mariposa, Fresno County Cal Works, Sierra Tribal Consortium, OSA Indian Education Center, American Indian Center of Central California, and Owens Valley Career Development Center Tribal TANF Program. FFO staff received many referrals from these providers and, in some cases, shared the cost of services. FFO staff also attended a number of meetings to foster collaborations with other agencies.

A resource center for FFO customers provided access to the internet for job search, conduct career exploration, and labor market research with the opportunity to receive assistance with resume preparation and completing applications. FFO staff have developed new employer contacts with private for-profit employers for job placements as well as have continued to utilize previous employers. There have been a few employers who contacted the FFO as result of reference from previously established employer contacts.

The Summer Youth Employment activity during the summer of 2005 consisted of the enrollment of twelve youth with one hired upon completion. Thirteen were in enrolled in the summer of 2006.

Two outstanding participants were identified during PY05. Both are single parents on TANF with a desire to make a better life for their family and themselves. These two participants wanted a job in which they could have an opportunity for advancement and jobs that offered benefits. One required occupational training and was placed into the Occupational Skills Training activity. The other needed help with Job Placement and Services Assistance and was placed in the On-the-Job training. Each faced barriers and experienced the difficulties of maintaining their attendance and progress, and staying focused on their plan of service. These two women have succeeded in their goals and today have employment that will offer good pay, a chance for advancement and benefits. CIMC played an important part in helping these women attain their goals.

FFO staff appreciate the support from the Community Members, Employers, Training Site, Board members, and other CIMC staff that make it possible to improve the lives of many Native American individuals.

![Native Employment Works Program Year 2005 Enrollments](image)

![Workforce Investment Act Program Year 2005 Enrollments](image)
In Program Year 2005, the Hoopa Field Office continued its commitment to meeting the needs of the community and reaching out by attending community functions and providing information on the range of CIMC’s services available. Staff continued to be directly involved in numerous informational outreach activities. Attendance at these events resulted in the identification of additional clients who subsequently received services.

HFO continued to serve as a Job Market site for the community. A section of the office was set up to function as a One-Stop Center for the service area. A job search kiosk was installed and was linked to the Humboldt County One-Stop Career Center. A job board was maintained with various employment announcements. Customers came in to look for employment online as well as apply for Unemployment Insurance online. This was a great help to the community due to the geographic location and the limited access to public transportation.

The office continued to track core services to clients on a daily basis. In addition to assisting eligible clients, HFO also provided basic services such as labor market information, orientation to program services, job board, and internet access for job search and resumes writing, etc. to anyone who wished to utilize these services.

Computers were available for customers to type resumes and conduct job search as well as identify information for possible careers. Customers have used the internet access to view job postings on Monster.com, America’s Job Bank, etc. Customers continued to use the office fax machine to send employment applications and resumes to selected employers.

Through outreach efforts, alliances with several programs were fostered. HFO continued to network with community and Tribal agencies to develop worksites. These worksites assisted in providing our clients with job readiness skills and employer expectations in order to be successful in the work place.

This program year was full of challenges but the Hoopa Field Office would like to congratulate participants for their hard work and determination towards making positive changes to their lives and community.
During Program Year 2005, the Redding Field Office (RFO) staff focused on assisting each client to reach their individual employment goals by providing resources and training. Assistance was provided in job search, resume writing, counseling, and information on current job openings. Referrals were provided to other agencies as appropriate.

RFO staff attempted to provide customized placement to each youth participant. An effort was made to match each youth in a field of their interest and goals, keeping in mind the options available in each area.

During this program year, outreach activities at RFO included posting flyers, mail-outs and attending community and agency events. Attempts were made to utilize all other agencies that are available. RFO works with the local one-stops, TANF programs, schools, training sites and Federal, State, County, and community agencies that are available to meet client need.

RFO staff have received workforce development related training at national and regional conferences. Staff also had the opportunity to be trained in domestic violence awareness, motivational techniques, first aid, defensive driving, record clearing for offenders, youth training, case management, and new performance measures.

During Program Year 2005, RFO staff attended several community meetings and conferences, including Families First, Redding Rancheria’s Vision Quest planning meetings, regional conference planning meetings, and early childhood development, fatherhood, and women’s conferences.

One participant success story involves a single mother of two who had been released from prison for the second time two months prior to her coming into our office seeking assistance. She was determined to get her life back under control and make a new start. She has been attending her training program and is due to complete in November 2006. She has excelled in her training; she is now expected to finish ahead of schedule as one of the top students in her class. She is has been clean and sober for one year and three months and has been able to reestablish a great relationship with her children. She is completing her parole successfully. Even though she is still attending training, she is a success in so many areas of her life. Through her personal success, she has not only enhanced her life, but she has positively affected the lives of everyone with whom she makes contact.

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California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.
The Sacramento Field Office completed Program Year 2005 with a few changes and many challenges. Despite staffing challenges and the enormous volume of service applications from throughout the eleven county service area, the field office diligently worked to provide as many services as possible.

Several participants seeking jobs were able to secure and retain employment with the assistance offered through our supportive services component. Additionally, the generous coordination provided by partnering with the Mother Lode Job Training, the WIA Title I Program Operator for Amador; Calaveras; Mariposa and Tuolumne counties, resulted in two of our participants successfully completing a specialized, Class A License, training program, that normally would not be offered in their county of residence.

The Sacramento Field Office was also instrumental in assisting a Sacramento area youth graduate from high school with his enrollment into the In-School Youth activity. When he first came into SFO he had been in danger of dropping out due to a lack of credits, as well as not developing his senior project regarding volunteer employment shadowing. His position as an office assistant provided enough work experience credits to satisfy the graduation requirement. Further, SFO was able to provide a job shadowing opportunity with our own IT staff, which resulted in a satisfactory senior project.

Additionally, the available workforce development staff continued to maintain and strengthen existing relationships with other service providers, Tribal entities, One-Stop centers and local employers.

The Sacramento Field Office looks forward to increased productivity and successful completions for the coming year.

![Workforce Investment Act Program Year 2005 Enrollments](image)
San Bernardino/San Jacinto Field Office

To successfully disseminate information to Native American communities, SB/SJFO staff attended community functions, tribal meetings and agency meetings. Staff also engaged in outreach activities to establish relationships with agencies and tribes to utilize office space on a regular ongoing basis to become visible and accessible. Resource information was collected from other agencies and organizations and compiled for referral services.

Recruitment of youth for Summer Youth activities was conducted on and off reservation at Tribal and Public Schools. Collaborations were established with the Torres Martinez Tribal TANF Youth Opportunity Program.

Employer outreach activities: Employers contact SB/SJFO directly to solicit job openings. CIMC is listed as a member of the Riverside Workforce Investment Act, Network Group through the One Stop. Tribes and local businesses send listing of job opportunities on a continuous basis.

Linkages and partnerships have been established with other agencies and organizations including Soboba Tribal TANF Program, Morongo Tribal TANF, Torres Martinez Tribal TANF, Hemet EED, High Desert Workforce Development Group, Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCH), General Assistance Program and County WIA programs.

Staff attended several meetings during this program year including, Native American Advisory Council/ Native American Chambers, Soboba TANF Open House, Soboba TANF Resource Book, and Partnership Meeting.

SB/SJFO has been working with RSBCH, Inc. in developing job search workshops in rural and isolated areas. Development of other sessions to assist client with self-help resources and exploration of other avenues of gaining income, such as self-employment, small business, etc. are in the planning stages.

One success story involves a participant who completed his OST program in August 2006 and entered employment in the field for which he was trained. He was enrolled into the Computer Systems Repair Course at Marie College in PY05. After a long series of low-paying jobs, he came to CIMC to seek assistance with attaining computer repair skills. He completed his training in late and is now working as a Computer Technician. He has fulfilled his goal of attaining skills and a certificate in Computer Repair. SB/SJFO staff are happy to have assisted him in achieving his long time employment goal and becoming self-sufficient.
During this past program year, the Ukiah Field Office (UFO) staff focused on allocations and completion of enrollments since both activities would create benefits that could successfully impact individuals in a positive way.

UFO staff compiled letters of recruitment addressed to all local Tribes and Tribal casinos to encourage them to utilize UFO services for their Tribal members and newly hired employees. Several responses were received from the recruitment letters sent out, which helped UFO meet its office goals for the program year. In addition, UFO staff allocated time to visit the Tribes, and distributed flyers and applications for services, as part of its outreach efforts. This strategy resulted in a number of telephone inquiries about eligibility and enrollment of tribal members.

A number of informational resource binders at the UFO are filled with various pamphlets, flyers, and brochures, all which provide brief descriptions of available services in the local service area along with the relevant organizational contact information such as phone numbers, addresses, and e-mails. UFO also houses a file cabinet that is filled with scholarship and financial assistance information for Native Americans interested in attaining their dreams through their academic participation in higher education. For those interested in higher education, they can easily access the information during UFO office hours.

All the youth involved in the Summer Youth Program were successfully placed this program year and, with the exception of two individuals, everyone received exceptional evaluations upon completion of their participation. In order to place participants at good work sites, UFO staff contacted local employers to explain the program and the advantages for the business sector and the community. Currently, UFO works jointly with: Ford Street Project, a local recovery and transitional housing program; Pinoleville Vocational Rehabilitation, a program for disabled individuals; Ukiah Adult School for GED courses; Mendocino College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services department; and various other organizations.

The UFO staff acknowledges two very special women who participated in the Work Experience Program this program year and impressed their respective work site supervisors and co-workers with their outstanding performance and commitment. Both women were hired on as regular employees and are now employed and doing very well. While each had unique personal barriers to overcome before reaching this point, with their dedication, drive, and timely efforts, their dreams of self-sufficiency were accomplished. The UFO staff encourages all its participants to recognize their own special goals and desires so that UFO can help them make their dreams a reality.

**Workforce Investment Act**

**Program Year 2005 Enrollments**
The "Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial/Small Business/Economic Development" sponsored by California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. was designed as a 200-hour course held in four multi-day workshops in four regions of California. One hundred hours was spent in class where all aspects of business formation, planning, management and financing theory and practical exercises were presented by the best trainers in the field, most of them Native people. An additional 100 hours was spent on homework assignments between workshop sessions and on preparing a "business plan," adequate to present to a lending institution for financing a small business startup or expansion.

This training is provided at no cost to eligible participants.

**Candidate Requirements**
- endorsement by Tribe of which applicant is a member or employee
- referral by the CIMC Workforce Development Program as a program participant
- California resident
- American Indian heritage (verifiable)
- 18 years of age or older

The application process is competitive. Applications must be received by specified deadline. Participants selected to receive training must agree to participate in CIMC's intake process for the Workforce Development Program. Participants must commit to attending all four sessions.

**Program Goal:** To provide leadership training to build healthy Native communities by developing the skills of Native entrepreneurs to be profitable and sustainable in the larger context of Native culture and sovereignty.

During Program Year 2005, entrepreneur training participants received extensive training from a select group of individuals with expertise in entrepreneurship:
- Kenneth Banks, Artist, Kenneth Banks Designs
- Lawrence Bryan, Owner, Native Air Heating and Cooling, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Suzanne M. Burrell, MBA, Author and Humboldt State University Administrator, Karuk Nation
- Dirk Charley, Human Resource Manager, Sierra National Forest
- Michael L. Connolly, Owner, Laguna Resources Services, Inc. and Treasurer, Campo Kumeyaay Nation
- Arnold "Bruce" Durbin, Owner, Native Outdoor Adventures, Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Tribe
- Ray Fry, Acting Credit Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region
- Daniel Golding, Owner, Hakan Media Productions, Quechan Indian Nation
- Peter H. Hackbert, Ph.D., Visiting Scholar, Academy in Entrepreneurial Leadership, University of Illinois-Champaign
- Daniel B. Jordan, Tribal Administrator/ Director of Department of Commerce, Hupa Valley Tribe
- Julian Lang, Founder of Institute of Native Knowledge; Staff Writer, North Coast Journal, Karuk Nation
- Richard Levine, Executive Vice President, Palm Desert National Bank
- Brad Mix, Small Business Counselor, Coachella Valley Small Business Development Center
- Goody Mix, Tribal Secretary, Berry Creek Rancheria
- Panda Morgan, Yuba-Sutter Small Business Development Center
- Bob Nash, Executive Director, Superior California Economic Development District
- Joseph Orozco, Station Manager, KIOE-FM, Hupa Tribally-Owned Radio Station
- Christopher H. Peters, President & CEO, Seventh Generation Fund, Yurok Tribe
- Edward Sanson, Vice President, Red Mountain Energy Partners, Pomo
- Paul Stone, Washoe-Paiute Artist & Musician
- Nick Summerfield, Hope Depot, Cherokee Nation
- Sharon Wise, Executive Director, Native American Housing Service, Inc., Durant, Oklahoma & Consultant to OSAGE Nation

**During Program Year 2005, fourteen Tribal members/employees from the following tribes were trained in all aspects of entrepreneurship:**
- Calaveras County Mountain Miwok
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Ione Band of Miwok Indians
- Fort Belknap Tribe
- Potawatomi
- Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians
- Pit River Tribe
- Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk
- Paiute/Shoshone
- Fort Independence Paiute

California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.
The CIMC Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Project was initiated to meet the needs identified while conducting the “CIMC Leadership Development for Entrepreneurial, Small Business and Economic Development” course for Native individuals in California.

By the third round of this entrepreneurship training, it was apparent to CIMC that the aspiring Native entrepreneurs needed year-round technical support to grow their businesses, and they needed ‘seed-money’ financing to start their businesses, and/or to leverage larger loans from lending institutions.

In 2004, the entrepreneurship training co-coordinators attended the introductory workshops on the Community Development Finance Institution presented by the National Community Capital Association (NCCA) and Oweesta Corporation as part of the CDFI Fund’s Native American Initiative. (The CDFIs were authorized by the Riegle Community Development Regulatory & Improvement Act of 1994.)

CIMC then applied for and received a ‘mini-grant’ to prepare an application to the CDFI Fund and to prepare Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Revolving Loan Fund Manual, and Deposit Agreements with participating lending institutions. CIMC also applied for and received technical assistance from NCCA. This was all accomplished by CIMC by September, 2004.

In February 2005, CIMC applied to the CDFI Fund for funds to implement a CDFI. This was done after several months of assistance from NCCA and the Oweesta Corporation.

CIMC received notice in September 2005 of its CDFI grant in and has been in the process of implementing its CDFI with ongoing technical support from Oweesta Corporation and the newly formed Opportunity Finance Network, Inc.

A CDFI Project Manager has since been hired to oversee the CDFI Technical Assistance grant received from Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) fund.

CIMC does not expect to be significantly in the loan business, under the California Native Entrepreneurs Opportunity Fund, Inc., until PY 2007; CIMC feels that it will take until then to develop an efficient organization. However, loaning funds may happen sooner than later as many of the operating systems have been developed and it appears that CIMC has wide support among partners for this new effort.

CIMC does, however, plan to continue to offer “Development Services” such as entrepreneurship training and financial education/literacy. Financial counseling of potential borrowers will only enhance their opportunity to gain loans and to use them responsibly. These activities are scheduled for years 2006 and each year beyond.
The CIMC Elders Program operated during Program Year 2005 with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging. The program is funded under Title VI of the Older Americans Act.

It is the primary purpose of the program to insure that the nutritional needs of participating elders are being met. Through the CIMC Elders Program, noon meals are prepared and served at sites that have kitchen and seating facilities to accommodate the serving of meals to Indian elders, their spouses, and program volunteers. Elders who are homebound and unable to come to the congregate meal site may receive home-delivered meals. Elders at sites where meals are not prepared and served on-site receive delivered hot meals from another nutrition program, frozen meals, or shelf stable meals.

Throughout the program year, the elders program coordinator works with all participating tribes. The coordinator oversees the operation of the program at each site, provides menu plans and monitors food purchases, processes payments, and works to insure that the program meets its overall goals.

During the grant period of April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 a total of 3,529 meals were served in a congregate meal setting and another 27,999 meals were delivered to participating elders’ homes.

The annual funding level for the CIMC Elders Program is quite limited, so we are fortunate that several of the participating tribes are able to contribute to the program operations. To help in making CIMC Elders Program operations successful, Robinson and Susanville contributed to the program by employing the cooks who prepare the meals. All sites contribute to the success of the program by providing site contacts that assist the elder’s program coordinator with such tasks as completion of intakes as well as distribution of informational material.

The CIMC Native American Caregiver Support Program provides services to families who are caring for an older relative with a chronic illness or disability and to elders who are relative caregivers themselves. Services include information dissemination, referrals to various caregiver resources, counseling and support, temporary respite relief for caregivers, and supplemental services when possible.

CIMC is readying an application to become a Volunteer In Service To America (VISTA) sponsor; this grant will make CIMC the only state VISTA sponsor in California that serves Indian country. The grant will expand on work started by Elders Program VISTA’s Megan Carter and Nicky Wittig, providing activities that provide mentorship for youths and socialization for elders. CIMC is looking to gain 11 VISTA members to be placed at tribes and tribal organizations throughout California.

The CIMC Elders Program greatly appreciates the contributions, cooperation, and support from all of the participating tribes. Through their input and support, quality services to our elders are assured. Further, as a result of their involvement, the level of services that can be provided is increased.
California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. (CIMC) was awarded a grant from The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF) for the CIMC Healthy Lifestyles, Prevention, and Wellness Promotion of Native American Elders Program. This program has been funded for a three year period to help disseminate health information, provide healthy aging workshops, develop reading corners on health issues at tribes and to start exercise programs with CIMC member tribes.

During Program Year 2005, CIMC distributed over 368 health information packets to Native elders and youth and CIMC handed out 511 different units (health informational pamphlets, culturally-sensitive food pyramids, nutrition guides, etc.).

Through the help of the CIMC Elders Program and the VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) members, CIMC distributed low-impact exercise videos (donated by the National Institute on Aging) and pedometers. Staff members facilitated discussions on how much exercise elders should get throughout the day, encouraged daily fitness activities and distributed health information packets to elders involved with CIMC Elders Program.

In August 2005, CIMC hosted an “Honoring Our Elders Ceremony” at the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation. Every elder in attendance danced daily to honoring songs. The ceremony was a huge success and the elders stayed active during its entirety. CIMC set up an information booth on various health topics including heart disease, teeth care, diabetes and gum disease. CIMC provided water for all elders in attendance to promote hydration and health.

In fall of 2005, the CIMC VISTA members took the Big Sandy Elders on an acorn gathering trip.

Two regional Healthy Aging workshops to be held in fall/winter of 2006 are in the planning stages. Topics will include chronic disease, exercise and nutrition.
The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program completed its twentieth and began its twenty-first year of service to the American Indian community. Funding for the program is provided through a subcontract with the Northern California Indian Development Council, Inc. (NCIDC), which contracts with the State Department of Community Services & Development. Funding is available through the Community Services Block Grant, American Indian Set-Aside Program, and is intended to assist low-income American Indian persons who do not live on reservations or rancherias.

The CSBG Program is designed to provide a range of services to assist low-income American Indians in attaining the skills, knowledge, and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The program also provides eligible applicants with immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, and utility assistance, leads to a reduction of poverty, and helps agencies such as CIMC build capacity and develop linkages.

CIMC/CSBG Program staff members strive to provide the best services possible to our American Indian client population. Services provided to assist clients include:

- Information and referral
- Counseling and outreach
- Linkages to other service providers (local and statewide)
- Workshops in areas such as family budgeting and nutritious meal planning

Financial support is available to obtain and maintain a suitable living environment. Program services provided to eligible applicants include:

- Housing/rental assistance
- Help with utility bills
- Aid in obtaining food

Services provided through the CIMC/CSBG Program must contribute to the achievement of one or more of the six goals developed by the National CSBG Monitoring and Assessment Task Force.

- Low-income people become more self-sufficient
- The conditions in which low-income people live are improved
- Low income people own a stake in their community
- Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved
- Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results
- Low-income people achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems

Supportive services for education and employment

At their request, CIMC provides various CSBG services to the following California Indian tribes:

- Cortina Rancheria
- San Pasqual Reservation
- Santa Rosa Reservation
- Santa Ynez Reservation

Other tribes that wish to have CIMC administer CSBG resources can submit a request for inclusion to the CSBG Program Coordinator.

CIMC Program staff members would like to express gratitude for the cooperation and assistance of numerous statewide organizations and programs, including Community Action Agencies, Indian Health Centers, Tribal Administration Offices, and CIMC Field Offices, among many others. These agencies provide enormous support to our staff, and enhance our efforts to move American Indian clients toward the primary goals of self-sufficiency and self-determination.
The CIMC CCDBG Program provides payment for child care services for eligible families. Payments are authorized through the issuance of child care certificates, which parents take to child care providers.

A major emphasis of the program is parental choice; parents choose their child care provider. Once a provider is registered with the CCDBG Program, child care services can be provided and payments can be made for child care services provided.

During the program year, a total of seventy-six (76) children from forty-three (43) families received services through the program. Each year, applications are taken on an ongoing basis and child care certificates are issued until all available funds are obligated.

In order for a tribe to receive CCDBG funds directly from HHS, they must have fifty or more children under 13 years of age. Tribes with fewer than fifty children may apply for funds as a member of a consortium. The consortium must have a cumulative total of fifty or more children in order to receive funding.

Each fiscal year, a tribe may decide to operate its own CCDBG Program (if it meets the requirement for number of children) or to participate as a part of a consortium program. Further, tribes may elect to change the consortium in which they participate from one year to another. Any tribe wishing additional information regarding inclusion in the CIMC CCDBG Program may contact the CIMC CCDBG Program staff.

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Indian and Native American WIA Section 166 Technical Assistance and Training Grant Report

Under a contract with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. has provided capacity building to Native American Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 grantees. The tasks included in this grant support and contribute to the overall improvement of performance of the WIA Section 166 program. Grant activity includes:

**Support for the national technical assistance and training (TAT) conferences**
Assist with costs associated with providing technical assistance; costs associated with the creation, reproduction, and distribution of training materials; procurement of the services of selected trainers, NINAETC executive committee travel associated with planning and facilitating the TAT needs of the conference, equipment and facilities; communications; and other related costs. Also, these funds will cover expenses necessary to pay travel costs of selected small grantees to send a designated staff member to the NINAETC Conference.

**Peer-to-peer on-site technical assistance**
Support travel by selected WIA grantees to provide on-site technical assistance to other grantees in need of in-depth technical assistance.

**Logistical support for multi-regional TAT meetings**
Help defray costs associated with conducting multi-regional grantee TAT meetings.

**Logistical support for the Native American Employment and Training Council**
Pay travel expenses of the Native American Employment and Training Council members, facilities and equipment rental, and other expenses associated with holding Council meetings.

**Logistical support of Council Work Groups**
Assist with travel costs and logistical support for the business relations/microenterprise, census, council charter, designation, education/youth, information/technology, reporting/performance measures, and reauthorization work groups; to improve overall program grantee performance; and provide recommendations to the Indian and Native American Program (INAP).

**Logistical support for UI Wage Record Feasibility Study**
Provide for costs associated with three meetings of the UI Wage Study Technical Advisory Committee.

**Micro-Enterprise Environmental Scan Project**
Under contract, conduct an "environmental scan" to determine resources and expertise to better coordinate and leverage future investments in support of national microenterprise initiative.

**Targeted technical assistance for Public Law 102-477 grantees**
Provide technical assistance in support of the demonstration effort under Public Law 102-477.

**Tribal Colleges/Executive Order 1302 Initiative/New Directors Training**
Arrange for the design and presentation of intensive training for the improvement of overall management and administrative capacity for WIA grantees. Provide training sessions and develop curriculum for new WIA directors.

**Information Technology**
Assist with travel costs associated with DINAP and selected grantee staff to discuss and make recommendations regarding information to be collected and the method of submission for reporting to DINAP. Provide support in the development of the Native American Workforce Investment Act automated reporting system (Bear Tracks).
During Program Year 2005 the CIMC Census Information Center (CIC), continued to receive and complete Census data requests from throughout California and the United States.

A database of basic Native American statistics for review and download has been created to make Native American data more accessible to the public. The CIMC CIC also provides a service of more detailed and researched Census tabulations for a fee. Custom tabulations are sent out through email or shipped in hard-copy form.

California county maps broken down by Native American census data will also be available for purchase. Maps can be scaled up to poster size or sent out by email.

The CIMC CIC continues to receive census updates via email, publications, media CDs, and DVDs from the U.S. Census Bureau. The Census Bureau will be providing training in ARC View GIS software at the upcoming annual Census training conference. ARC View GIS is a very powerful tool that provides the ability to incorporate Census data with maps and graphs.

CIMC plans to launch a CIC website at the end of 2006 or in early 2007. The website will enable the CIMC CIC to reach out to a larger nationwide clientele. Also, detailed Census statistical data for most Native American tribes will be accessible for a fee through the website.

With the addition of the website and the ongoing support of the U.S. Census Bureau, CIMC is building a stronger census data information center. CIMC will continue to supply detailed and quality Census data and find ways to improve service to clients.
The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Project grant focused on Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs across the country. The project was a collaborative effort of California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc., ANA of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families, and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

During FY 2005, the ANA Project implemented strategic methodology changes in order to successfully attain the project’s original work plan objectives:

- Categorization of Tribal TANF Best Practices and maintenance of related resource library/database for easy public access.
- Determination of outstanding expert Tribal TANF Peer Mentors and matching them up with nearby programs that have technical assistance needs—the establishment of Mutual Support Learning Clusters.
- Coordination and support of activities of National Tribal TANF Advisory Committee (NTTAC), a proactive advocate for all Tribal TANF programs.

ANA Project activities were designed based on the overall commitment to improve the quality of services and coverage provided to eligible participants through the creation of a multi-pronged, self-sustaining system that would include: meaningful program and administrative support, useful best practices learning tools, and relevant representation of diversity of programs as reflected by the Tribal TANF Advisory Committee membership.

Integral to the success of the ANA Project was expert guidance received from and involvement of CIMC Board of Directors and Native American Workforce Investment Council, Tribal TANF Peer Mentors, and National Tribal TANF Advisory Committee, which was valued at more than $50K for FY05. The ANA Project concluded February 28, 2006, however, the work plan objectives continued to develop independently throughout the program year, thus, sustaining the project. Some accomplishments are:

- Establishment of ANA Project webpage (www.cimcinc.org/ana.htm), which includes best practices links, and membership lists of Peer Mentors and NTTAC.
- Provision of T&TA by Peer Mentors to South Dakota tribe setting up Tribal TANF program, and Nooksack and Chippewa Cree Tribal TANF programs.
- Formation of National Alliance of Tribal TANF (NATT) as informational group concerned with position papers on tribal TANF issues. NATT developed groundwork for:
  - National Summit of State and Tribal TANF to be held in July 2006 at the Montana State Capitol in Helena, co-hosted with Governor Schweitzer of Montana.
  - National Tribal TANF Working Conference to be held in August 2006 at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Building in Denver.
In June of 2005, CIMC was awarded two one-year grants from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG). The first grant was awarded for Mendocino County and the second grant was for Inyo and Lassen counties. The project was entitled “Creating jobs in the global business community, and internship and job training program for Native American Indian tribal members – A job skill and job creation project.”

The purpose of this project was to provide both designated areas with qualified interns to learn the skills of and become certified International Trade Specialists; while also making available to the Native owned businesses in the designated counties trusted trade experts from their own tribes or other tribes that they can turn to for assistance in finding export and sales opportunities overseas.

Two interns have received specialized training in accessing resources for international trade, marketing research, learning how to effectively deal with foreign cultural differences in both social and business settings, and the rules and regulations of international trade. Both interns had the opportunity to work with a mentor from the Northern California World Trade Center and the Sacramento Regional Center for International Trade within the Los Rios Community College system. During training, the interns also worked with the Northern California International Visitors Center and the International Consular Corps. Both interns were able to attend business and economic development conferences to learn about the latest trends in Indian Country, which gave the interns many opportunities to network and expand their knowledge of resources in business and international trade.

A highlight in the training for the Inyo/Lassen County Intern was being able to participate in the organization of the largest Chinese/American business conference in the United States held in San Francisco, October 2005. During this conference the intern had the opportunity to work with the Chinese Consular and other Chinese officials along with California State officials.

Both Interns had the opportunity for international travel as part of their final training. The Mendocino County Intern attended a dried fruit trade show in Mexico City, June 2006. During this trip she was able to meet with various vendors, walk the floor of the trade show, and do market research. The second intern for the Inyo/Lassen counties went overseas to Germany and Italy, May 2006, on an exploratory trade mission to research the market for Native American arts and crafts. During the Inyo/Lassen county Interns trip she was able to meet with the Native American Association of Germany, meet with trade specialists in Italy, attend a jewelry trade show in Milan, Italy, and attend the Karl May Festival in Germany. A summary of this trip and its findings can be requested from the Business Relations Specialist at the Central Office.
Recognition

Twenty-Five Year Employee Recognition
Ann Kochamp
Charmaine Mix

Twenty-Five Year Membership Recognition
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
Local Indians for Education
Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council

Ten Year Employee Recognition
PaPai Thomas

Twenty Year Membership Recognition
Indian Health Council, Inc.

Fifteen Year Board Recognition
Jack Jones
Gary Rickard
Peggy Vega

Fifteen Year Membership Recognition
Pala Boys & Girls Club

Ten Year Membership Recognition
Elk Valley Rancheria
Sierra Tribal Consortium, Inc.
Dry Creek Rancheria
American Indian Center, Inc.
Metropolitan Tenants Organization

Five Year Membership Recognition
Coastanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe
Feather River Tribal Health, Inc.
Wintu Tribe & Toyon Wintu Center