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# Media Release

## **California Indian Manpower Consortium Partners with U.S. Science and Technology to Develop Renewable Energy Projects and Create Green Jobs**

### ***Alliance forged under CIMC Green Jobs Initiative aims to spur Economic Development in Tribal Communities***

**Sacramento, California, July 6, 2009:** The California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) today announced a statewide alliance with U.S. Science and Technology (USST), a renewable energy project development company. CIMC is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the purpose of working for the social welfare, educational and economic advancement of California Native Americans. The alliance is the first partnership formed to fulfill the economic development and environmental program goals of CIMC's Green Jobs Initiative announced on May 12, 2009.

Through this partnership, CIMC will utilize U.S. Science and Technology's engineering and project management expertise to explore the feasibility and development of renewable energy installments that utilize versatile and environmentally friendly technologies across tribal communities in the state of California. Projects under consideration could utilize commercially proven waste-to-energy, solar, and wind power technologies.

"We are excited to form this alliance with USST," said Lorenda Sanchez, Executive Director of CIMC. "This partnership will open the door for California's tribes to take an active role in protecting their Native lands and the environment. At the same time, Native Americans will now have opportunities to lead the way in the new green economy while addressing employment issues in tribal communities."

Under the alliance, USST will identify suitable renewable energy solutions by assessing wind and solar resources and critical waste management problems, (problematic waste streams and regions), across California's tribal communities. For projects authorized by individual tribes, USST will manage the engineering, development and operation of renewable energy installments while coordinating job training and community enrichment services.

"We see this alliance as a win-win for the tribes, the land and the environment," said Bill Ludwig, President and Chief Executive Officer of USST. "We look forward to working with CIMC to develop renewable energy solutions that will create new jobs and revenue sources for California's tribal communities, while protecting the environment for generations to come."

CIMC will oversee all activities to ensure projects meet environmental and economic compliance. CIMC will also work closely with the tribes to ensure all concerns are addressed, information is readily accessible, and that tribal input is implemented. Projects will be completely financed by outside sources, including project investment financing, and grant monies, with minimal or no financial contribution from CIMC.

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*About California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.*

*The California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. was formally created in 1978 under the state law as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of working for the social welfare, educational and economic advancement of its member tribes, groups, organizations and Indians and*

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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 non-profit) satisfying the requirements set forth in the By-Laws of the California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. and as agreed to in the Consortium Agreement formally approved by the membership. 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. To find out more, visit [www.cimcinc.org](http://www.cimcinc.org).

#### *About U.S. Science and Technology*

*U.S. Science and Technology (USST) is a renewable energy project development company that is leading the way toward a global zero waste economy. USST seeks to develop localized renewable energy projects that advance proven technologies in a zero waste approach. USST's engineers match the best technologies to meet the specific needs and opportunities in any given market, benefiting communities, economic development and the environment. USST is currently working with governments and corporations to develop renewable energy projects in locations as diverse as California, West Virginia, Thailand and Kuwait. To find out more, visit [www.usstcorp.com](http://www.usstcorp.com).*

***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.***