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California Indian Manpower Consortium will honor employees for years of service at 30th Annual Membership Meeting

Sacramento, California, September 9, 2008: California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. (CIMC), marking its 30-year milestone earlier this year in February 2008, will recognize four employees who have each reached their individual milestones of 30 years of employment with CIMC. Ms. Diana Alvarez, Human Resource Manager; Ms. Linda Cruz, Integrated Systems Manager; Ms. Cleo Foseide, Payroll Accountant; and Ms. Lorenda T. Sanchez, Executive Director, will each be honored for their many years of service to Native communities at CIMC's 30th Annual Membership Meeting. Several other employees will also be honored for 25, 20, 15, 10, and 5 years of service. The meeting will take place at the Pala Casino Spa Resort in southern California on October 31 - November 1, 2008.

CIMC was formally created in 1978 under California state law as a nonprofit corporation to work for the social welfare, educational and economic advancement of its member tribes, groups, organizations and Indian and other Native American people living in its service area. The service area includes a large part of California, all of Illinois and three counties in Iowa.

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; 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.

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