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The latest addition to Albuquerque's Indian Pueblo Cultural Center will provide a place for entrepreneurs and others interested in culinary pursuits to learn and experiment. Unveiled on Wednesday during a groundbreaking ceremony, the Makerspace Facility will be located adjacent to... more

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Unveiled on Wednesday during a groundbreaking ceremony, the Makerspace Facility will be located adjacent to the existing museum on the IPCC campus.

The 7,500-square-foot facility will consist of a commercial kitchen for washing, preparing and packaging produce. There will be several refrigerators, freezer space and an area for loading and unloading food. There will be other areas set aside for rough preparation, catering and cooking and high-volume production.

In addition, it will also house restrooms, offices, a community room, as well as farm and gardening space - all with a price tag of about \$8 million.

One of the key figures in helping to push the initiative forward is [Michael Canfield](#), the president and CEO of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and Indian Pueblos Marketing.

"I remember three years ago, we developed a vision for this section of our property and we knew we could do more to provide services and opportunities that would have a direct and immediate impact on our community," he said at the groundbreaking event.

While the museum itself celebrates the tribal communities, the new facility will be inclusive to not only Native Americans but other races and ethnicities as well.

To date, about \$4.5 million has been secured for the project through grants and contributions from private, local, tribal, state and federal organizations. Officials hope a capital campaign will help raise the remainder of funds for the budget later this year.

"It's exciting, and just the conversations I've had [with] local communities, organizations, entrepreneurs ... they are excited about it," said [Marianne Billy](#), IPCC special projects manager.

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