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INDIAN PUEBLO CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING FOR MAKERSPACE FACILITY SEPT. 21

MULTI-AGENCY FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIP HELPS TO CREATE MULTI-USE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN TO SUPPORT PUEBLO ENTREPRENEURS, ARTISANS, SMALL FARMERS

Albuquerque, NM (Sept. 19, 2022)—The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Campus is pleased to announce that it is holding a groundbreaking ceremony for its latest endeavor – a makerspace facility that will be the first structure of the Entrepreneur Complex - on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center’s campus, 2401 12th Street NW in the heart of Albuquerque.

The 7,500 square-foot makerspace will house a commercial kitchen, providing a centralized space where entrepreneurs can develop their food businesses, and a produce wash and processing line that can accommodate farmers’ needs for a place to safely prepare their produce for distribution. The entire three-acre complex will be located on the northwest end of the IPCC campus.

“This space will be an important, centralized hub for education and business development for both Indigenous and local entrepreneurs in the region,” said IPCC President/CEO Mike Canfield. “We are excited to support these small business owners reach their goals for success while also doing our part to contribute to the local food system.”

The total project cost of the complex is \$8 million with approximately \$5 million raised to date. Grants and contributions from private, local, tribal, state, and federal organizations are the primary funding sources thus far with a capital campaign kicking off later this year.

The Makerspace facility is part of a phased approach to the entire complex that will include a hoop house, an expanded farm and garden space, and incorporate two other existing buildings. The exterior architectural design of the building will have a contemporary, southwestern-pueblo

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aesthetic to complement the surrounding IPCC campus. Development and construction are expected to be complete within two years.

“This makerspace, with a food and farm focus, is an outstanding example of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center’s mission: to perpetuate Pueblo culture along with creating opportunities for economic development amongst Pueblo and local communities,” said IPCC/IPMI COO Monique Fragua. “We know there is already a solid local entrepreneur ecosystem, and we want to contribute to that. We’re building this complex in such a way to support ‘next phase’ growth for these small businesses so that they can maintain their success and expand in a way that makes sense for them.”

About the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center:

Founded in 1976 by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a world-class museum and cultural center located in the historic 19 Pueblos District. The Mission of the IPCC Campus is to serve as a gathering place where Pueblo culture is celebrated through creative and cultural experiences while providing economic opportunities to Pueblo and local communities. Visitors can learn fascinating history, shop for Native jewelry and art, watch a cultural dance, hear Native languages and experience the flavors of traditional and contemporary Native cuisine. To learn more, please visit: www.indianpueblo.org and www.facebook.com/IndianPueblo.

About Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc.

[Indian Pueblos Marketing, Inc.](http://www.IndianPueblosMarketing.com) (also founded by the 19 Pueblo tribes of New Mexico) includes a variety of commercial enterprises designed to support the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and provide economic opportunities to the Pueblo and local communities. IPMI is a for-profit umbrella that includes the Indian Pueblo Store, a premier Native American arts store and website; Four Winds convenience store; the largest Starbucks in New Mexico; the top-rated Holiday Inn Express in Albuquerque; TownePlace Suites by Marriott Albuquerque Old Town; Extra Space Storage; and more that support our Pueblo culture and communities.

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