



2021 Native American Economic Summit
“Progressing Opportunity in a Changing Economy”
Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel
November 29-30, 2021

AGENDA Day 1: Monday, November 29

- 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Registration
- 8:30 – 10:00 am First General Session **Ballroom**
Opening Prayer
Welcome Address, Marvis Aragon, AICCNM Executive Director
Reviving, rebuilding, and recreating our Native economies: A reflection by our emerging leaders
- ◆ Alysia Coriz, Ian Teller, Jeremy Begay, NM Indian Affairs Department Youth Council
 - ◆ Jaylyn Atsye, Founder, Rock Your Mocs
 - ◆ Gracie Aragon, Fellow/Center for Native American Youth and Intern/Pueblo Action Alliance
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Break: Finding Balance, Albuquerque Body & Brain **Sacramento East Room**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Support to Native Businesses – Contracting Opportunities **Sierra Blanca Room**
Leonardo Valencia, Supplier Diversity Advocate, Sandia National Laboratories
Debra Leitka, Subcontracting Professional, Sandia National Laboratories
 - ◆ Support to Native Businesses – Access to Capital **Tularosa Room**
Alicia Ortega & Jamie Gloshey, Co-Directors, Native Women Lead
Liz Gamboa, Executive Director, New Mexico Community Capital
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch: Encouragement and Support from Washington, D.C. Ballroom**
- ◆ Senator Martin Heinrich (Video) - Jasmine Yepa, Field Representative
 - ◆ Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández – Derrick Toledo, Field Representative
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm Second General Session **Ballroom**
- ◆ Navigating Change – A small business perspective
Michele Justice, President, Personnel Security Consultants
Joe Padilla, Isleta Pueblo Tribal Council President
 - ◆ AICCNM Theory of Change
Team AICCNM
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Shovel Ready Grants Management **Sierra Blanca Room**
Vince Toya, Jr., Owner & President, CICUY'E Consulting, LLC
 - ◆ nDigitize – Who’s Gonna Tell Your Story? **Tularosa Room**
Bernina Gray, Chief Executive Officer, nDigitize
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm Break: Finding Balance, Albuquerque Body & Brain **Sacramento East Room**
- 4:00 – 4:45 pm Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Josie M. Kie, Owner, Eagle Productionz **Sierra Blanca Room**
 - ◆ Benefits and Services for Veterans **Tularosa Room**
Samira Ahady, Minority Veterans Program Coordinator VSR/Exam Liaison,
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
- 4:45 – 6:00 pm Networking Session **Ballroom**
- ◆ Developing Effective Networking Strategies
Jennifer Lujan, Jennifer Lujan, LLC
Jennifer Padilla, Owner, Synergetic Business Solutions



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AGENDA Day 2: Tuesday, November 30

- 8:30 – 10:00 am Third General Session **Ballroom**
- ◆ Community Healing
Janice Lucero, Daryl Lucero, Kateri Jojola, Pueblo Resurgent’s Team
 - ◆ The Need for Community and Economic Vision and Strategy
Mark Thompson, VP of Property Management & Development, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
Marvis J. Aragon, Jr., Executive Director, American Indian Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Break: Finding Balance, Albuquerque Body & Brain **Sacramento East Room**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Attracting and Retaining Qualified Employees: Rehiring and expanding while understanding the social and emotional impacts of COVID-19 **Sierra Blanca Room**
Zoe Otero-Martinez, Outreach & Business Development Coordinator, Family Friendly New Mexico
 - ◆ Business Growth During Challenging Times **Tularosa Room**
Monica Jojola, Montech Inc., Principal/President, Montech, Inc. and AICCNM Board Member
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch: Small Business Supports and Economic Recovery Ballroom**
- Alan Armijo, Director of Public Affairs, Office of the Mayor, City of Albuquerque
Johanna Nelson, Strategic Programs Manager, New Mexico Economic Development Department
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm Fourth General Session **Ballroom**
- ◆ Our Future Workforce
Yolanda Cordova, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, NM Department of Workforce Solutions
 - ◆ Creative Economy Revitalization Act
Derrick Toledo, Field Representative, Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernández
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Intersection of Culture, Tradition and Business **Sierra Blanca Room**
Tim Chavez Jr, Owner and President, Keres Group of Companies
Ervina G. Castillo, Marketing and Contracts Manager, Keres Group of Companies
 - ◆ Recreating and Aligning Strategies in a Changing Economy **Tularosa Room**
Jennifer Padilla, Owner, Synergetic Business Solutions
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm Break: Finding Balance, Albuquerque Body & Brain **Sacramento East Room**
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm Closing Session **Ballroom**
- ◆ Community Healing
Juanita Jose, Jennifer Lujan, Jennifer Padilla, Ron Martinez Looking Elk
2021 Native American Economic Summit Planning Team
 - ◆ 2021 Native American Economic Summit Close
Marvis J. Aragon, Jr., Executive Director, American Indian Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico

Thank you for your attendance. Stay Safe, Stay Strong!