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NEW NATIONAL PROGRAM COMING IN 2009

Arizona State University's new American Indian Policy Institute, the University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute and the Native American Finance Officers Association are working together to develop a Tribal Financial Manager certificate program. The curriculum will be available nation-wide through in an innovative distance-learning format.

The curriculum will be ready for prospective students in early 2009 and is being developed by the nationally-recognized Native faculty in the ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, American Indian Policy Institute and the University of Arizona Native Nations Institute staff along with public sector accounting faculty at the ASU School of Public Affairs. NAFOA is also a key partner in shaping the curriculum and standards for the certificate program.

Prospective employers will feel confident that the certificate holder knows:

- ◆ **governance principles and Indian law affecting the financial management of tribal governments and enterprises;**
- ◆ **government accounting and financial reporting in a tribal government setting, including federal grantor regulations of tribal governance programs;**
- ◆ **budget, financing and investing basics in the tribal government environment**

For more information or to be placed on an e-mail update list, please contact the ASU American Indian Policy Institute at aiipi@asu.edu or call (480) 965-1055.