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Tracy Stanhoff of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California and the American Indian Chamber Education Fund Selected for the 2020 District Director's Award

Leadership approach focuses on creating opportunities

SANTA ANA, Calif. – The U.S. Small Business Administration, Orange County / Inland Empire District Office is pleased to announce Tracy Stanhoff, President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California and Program Director of the American Indian Chamber Education Fund Procurement Technical Assessment Center (PTAC), as the recipient of the District Director's Award for 2020. Every year the District Director recognizes a leader in the tri-county area who creates opportunities for small businesses. The American Indian Chamber Education Fund PTAC's California office is located in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Under Stanhoff's leadership, the American Indian Chamber Education Fund PTAC processed over 292 contract awards for over \$95,365,000 million in their last fiscal year. They provided over 3,900 hours of training, hosted 36 training events, supported 280 active clients, and approved certifications for 35 applicants into the SBA's 8(a) Program, HUBZone, Woman Owned Small Business program, and Veteran Business Owners program.

Stanhoff is also a leader in the American Indian community as a business owner, Tribal Chairperson, President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California, and as board member of the American Indian Chamber Education Fund. She is a positive force for the community, and she has developed partnerships with corporate minority supplier buyers such as Southern California Edison, Southwest Gas, the Boeing Company, the Walt Disney Company, and American Honda Motor Co., Inc., as well as with federal agencies located in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Through these relationships, training has been developed to help American Indian business owners leverage their partners' knowledge of regulations to successfully work with federal and state agencies and private sector businesses.

Stanhoff is a respected and sought-after leader. She actively participates on several boards and serves as an officer for multiple organizations, including as vice president of the Southern California Indian Center, board member for Prairie

Band LLC, President of the American Indian National Chamber of Commerce, Program Director for the American Indian Chamber Education Fund - Procurement Technical Assistance Center, former member of the United States Department of Energy's Minorities in Energy Ambassadors, former member of the Southern California Edison Small Business Advisory Council, member of the Southern California Gas Company's Community Advisory Council, member of the Wells Fargo Supplier Diversity Advisory Group and member of the Pacific Gas & Electric Community Advisory Council.

Through the years, Stanhoff has been recognized for her work advocating for the American Indian community. She has received multiple awards and has been featured in various publications. Most recently, she was the cover story participant for the 2019 Minority Business Enterprise Magazine, 35th Anniversary Publication.

The SBA Orange County / Inland Empire District is honored in recognizing Tracy Stanhoff with our 2020 District Director's award of the Year.

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About the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 and is a Cabinet-level agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses, and recover from disasters. Through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations, the SBA delivers its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. To learn more about SBA, visit www.sba.gov.

About the Orange County / Inland Empire District Office

The Orange County / Inland Empire District Office, under the leadership and vision of J. Adalberto Quijada, District Director, is responsible for the delivery of SBA programs and services in the Southern California counties of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino. Located in Santa Ana near John Wayne Airport, the office and its staff facilitate understanding and access to SBA loan programs; coordinate and conduct hundreds of training sessions and special events annually such as matchmaking forums and loan workshops; and manage a portfolio of nearly 100 businesses enrolled in the agency's 8(a) business development program.