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LANCE MORGAN, PRESIDENT OF HO-CHUNK, INC. DELIVERS KEYNOTE AT 8th ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS EXPO

Ethete - Lance Morgan, named as one of America's 25 Most Fascinating Entrepreneurs, by Inc. Magazine, will deliver the keynote speech at the 8th Annual Native American Business Expo on April 24, 2008 at Wyoming Indian High School, Ethete, Wyoming. Mr. Morgan is the President and one of the initial founders of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the development corporation for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Ho-Chunk, Inc., (loosely translated means "the people") was founded in 1994 to diversify the tribe's interests away from gaming. Ho-Chunk, Inc. is now significantly larger than the tribe's casino with business interests ranging from home manufacturing, retail, distribution, construction, hotels and apartments to internet companies.

If you have an interest in learning more about business opportunities and the cultural environment on the Wind River Indian Reservation, consider attending this Expo. The event kick off is a reception at the Pronghorn Lodge in Lander on April 23rd from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. honoring the Wind River Reservation Business of the Year and the Wind River Reservation Business Plan Challenge winner. The winners of these two events are selected by SCORE. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration that provides free and confidential business counseling.

The expo begins at 7:30 a.m. on April 24th and ends at 3:30 p.m. This event is an opportunity for entrepreneurs; businesses; local, state and federal agencies; tribal, county and state leaders; and anyone else interested in economic development on the Reservation to network and learn!

Attendance is limited so register now! You can download a registration form and agenda at www.wrdf.org or for more information call 307-335-7330.

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