



Nelsen Witt and Rebecca Crocker

BUSINESS GRANT GIVEN TO TRIBAL MEMBER

Rebecca Crocker, member of the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes, recently received a Bureau of Indian Affairs Business Development Grant. The grant was presented by Nelsen Witt, superintendent of the Siletz Agency.

Crocker is the owner and operator of Li-Tron Communications. She is the first Grand Ronde Tribal member to receive a business development grant.

LENDER'S CONFERENCE

The Second Annual Meeting of the Lenders Conference is scheduled June 27, 1987, at Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus. Sponsored by the Small Business Administration and a group of businesses, the conference will present information about sources of and methods for getting capital to emerging and expanding businesses. Approximately 300 small businesses are expected to attend. The \$65 fee includes registration and lunch. For details contact Toni McKissen in Portland, 294-5218.

BIA GRANTS/LOANS

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS/SILETZ AGENCY

The following includes answers to questions most often asked by applicants for Bureau Credit Programs, including the Direct Loan, Guaranty Loan, and Economic Development Grant:

(1) Which happens first - the bank loan or the Bureau guaranty?

The bank loan. Applicants must successfully secure a loan before the Bureau can become involved in the guaranty request.

(2) How long will the applicant process take?

Depending on the program, 6-12 months.

(3) When should I start the process?

The process for securing a bank loan, a direct loan, or a business grant should begin well before you establish your business or loan request. Most banks, and the Bureau Grant Program, require a detailed business plan that includes

financial statements, projections for costs and cash flow, a plan of operation, expertise, and any other information relevant to the particular loan.

(4) Which bank should I use?

There are several banks already involved in the guaranty program, but you should first contact your own bank. If they are not authorized by the Bureau to participate, the Bureau can request they become eligible. Only if your own bank will not participate or is disinterested should you look elsewhere.

(5) Who is eligible for this program?

In order to be eligible to participate in Bureau Credit Programs, you must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and live in the Service Area of a tribe or on the reservation. The Siletz Agency Service Area includes Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Lane, Deschutes, Coos, Douglas, Klamath, Curry, Josephine, and Jackson counties. Therefore, if you are an enrolled member of any tribe and reside in one of these counties, the Siletz Agency will work with you.

(6) Who does the Business Plan?

You do. The Bureau can offer some assistance and provide direction, but each applicant is responsible for their own business plan.

This is only a brief overview. If you have other questions, please contact the Community Services Officer at the Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs at 444-2679.



MINORITY BUSINESSES

The State of Oregon has recently taken positive steps to assist minorities and women business enterprises to participate more fully in public employment and contracting opportunities. Beginning in January 1987, the Oregon Department of Transportation assumed responsibility for the certification of minority and female-owned firms on behalf of all public jurisdictions in the state. A comprehensive directory, which provides business information on all eligible firms, is available through ODOT for an annual fee of \$75. The directory includes a large number of firms interested in participating in personal services contracts, suppliers of goods which may be purchased by agencies under their delegated authority, service vendors (i.e. janitorial) and construction contractors.

To obtain a copy of the directory or to find out more about the certification of minority/women business enterprises, contact the Oregon Department of Transportation, Civil Rights Section, 412 Transportation Building, Salem, OR 97310, 378-8077

AMERICAN INDIAN WEEK

Oregonians will observe American Indian Week May 17-23, 1987. American Indian spiritual leaders will be traveling to Salem during that week to deliver the invocation in the House and Senate chambers. The Proclamation Signing Ceremony will be held 11 a.m., Monday, May 18, 1987, in Governor Goldschmidt's office.

COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM - 1987

Tribal Members: Use this form to apply for service on Tribal Committees. Openings are available on the following: Archeology, Education, and Fish and Wildlife.

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

ENROLLMENT NUMBER: _____

NAME OF COMMITTEE: _____

IS TRANSPORTATION A PROBLEM? _____

ARE YOU WILLING TO TRAVEL? _____

CAN YOU TRAVEL OVERNIGHT? _____

WHEN ARE YOU AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS? _____

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THIS COMMITTEE? _____

(OPTIONAL) DO YOU HAVE ANY BACKGROUND IN THIS COMMITTEE AREA? _____

COMMENTS: _____

RETURN TO:

CONFEDERATED TRIBE OF GRAND RONDE
P.O. BOX 38
GRAND RONDE, OR 97347

ATTENTION: TRIBAL COUNCIL