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Regional Partnership Councils October 2009 Report

Regional Partnership Council Appointments: A total of 314 Regional Council seats are filled. There were three resignations last month. Three individuals are being recommended to the Board for appointment to the South Phoenix, Central Maricopa and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Councils.

Regional Request for Grant Applications (RFGA): Three RFGAs were released on October 7, 2009 in the amount of \$837,485. The South Phoenix and Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Councils each released a RFGA for family resource centers. The North Phoenix Regional Council released an RFGA to address families in crisis. The South Phoenix Regional Council did not award the full amount of funding from the first RFGA released in April. Both Santa Cruz and North Phoenix presented these strategies for approval by the Board in August.

Regional Funding Plan: The following regional councils will present their 2011 regional funding plans for approval at the December board meeting: North Phoenix, South Phoenix, Gila River Indian Community, Central Maricopa, Northeast Maricopa, Northwest Maricopa, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Coconino, Cochise, Graham/Greenlee, Cocopah Tribe, Hualapai Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, and LaPaz/Mohave. A program committee of the Board will be scheduled to review and address policy issues and new strategies proposed by the Regional Councils.

Regional Boundaries and Decisions of the Tribes: The Tribal Councils of the Hualapai Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe and Gila River Indian Community approved to have their tribal lands designated as a separate region. The following regional councils have sent letters to Tribal Council recommending that their tribal lands remain as a separation region: Navajo Nation, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Cocopah Tribe, and Pascua Yaqui Tribe. A resolution will go before the Tribal Education Committee of the San Carlos Apache Tribe at their next meeting approving their tribal lands to be designated as a separate region. The Tribal representatives on the Coconino, Gila, Yuma, and Northeast Maricopa Regional Councils have indicated that the tribes will likely remain within the designated FTF regions. The Tribal representatives on the Fort Mohave Tribe and Ak-Chin Indian Community have indicated there may be an interest by the Tribe to establish their tribal lands as separate regions.

Revision to Regional Funding Plan Guidelines: Included in the Board materials for a second reading is the revised policy on construction and purchase of real property for Board consideration and approval. The policy has been revised based on the discussion at the September Board meeting.