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CTEC Forms New Business

(Coulee Dam, Wash. Jan. 23, 2009) – The Colville Tribal Enterprise Corporation (CTEC) recently formed a new electrical company called Colville Electrical Contractors (CEC). CEC will be headquartered in Nespelem, Wash. and will provide power and communication, electrical, fiber and underground distribution services.

This tribally-owned company will provide another 10 to 15 new jobs within the first year of operation.

“Businesses such as CEC, will help diversify the tribe’s economy and add employment opportunities,” said Troy Johnson, chief executive officer of CTEC. “We are hopeful that we will be able to compete on federal, state, and local levels fairly quickly. Site visits with contracting officers to market our new business are our next step.”

Kary Nichols, director of business development, is applying to the Small Business Administration’s 8(a), HUBZone and U.S. Department of Transportation Disadvantage Business Enterprise programs. “These programs are designed to provide business development assistance to start up companies. Once in these programs, it will enable the company to compete for federal contracts,” she said.

Ken Hopkins, director of Colville Tribal Construction, will also manage this new company. Hopkins, a Colville tribal member has over 20 years of experience in engineering and construction management.

“The SBA 8(a) program will provide opportunities for growth not only for the company but also for its employees,” said Hopkins. “We anticipate receiving our certification in the program within 60 to 90 days.”

CTEC was founded in 1984 and currently manages 18 enterprises in gaming, recreation and tourism, retail, construction and wood products. The corporation employs close to 800 people.

For more information about CTEC and its construction services, go to ctecorp.org or call Ken Hopkins at 509.634.2537.

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