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DOE Awards Grant to Sole Native American Community Reuse Organization **Brooks presents \$200,000 to the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council**

SANTA FE, NM – The only Native American Community Reuse Organization (CRO) received a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Energy (DOE) today to assist in the completion of its community transition plan, a requirement in order for a CRO to obtain project funding.

National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Acting Administrator Linton Brooks announced the award to the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council (ENIPC) in northern New Mexico in a ceremony at the Pueblos-owned Santa Fe Hotel. Brooks is also the DOE undersecretary for nuclear security.

“The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council is an important part of our community here in New Mexico. I am pleased to present them with this funding and know it will be put to good use,” Brooks commented today.

Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said, “The Department of Energy will continue being a good neighbor to the communities surrounding our sites. We will do what we can to work with the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council and other community reuse organizations around the country to retain, expand or create jobs for workers affected by restructuring.”

CROs are stakeholder organizations, which represent the interests and economic concerns of communities surrounding DOE sites that are being closed or restructured. The ENIPC CRO was established on April 27, 2000.

The grant awarded today will be used to help the ENIPC determine what projects should be proposed for funding, and which projects are most likely to succeed. Once this phase has been completed, ENIPC will be eligible to apply for operational and competitive grants available to other CROs.

The ENIPC has so far completed numerous parts of the planning phase that includes organization and staffing, specific business plans, and selection of contractors for information collection and analysis.

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