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BUSINESS LEADERS HONORED FOR THEIR VISION AND DEDICATION

EAGLE BUTTE – South Dakota Small Business Administration District Office has bestowed business leadership awards to Rob Laurenz and Tanya Fiddler—a board member and the executive director of Four Bands Community Fund on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Both awardees are members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

Rob Laurenz, owner of Dakota 2000, a technology company located in Pierre is SBA's Minority Small Business Person of the Year for South Dakota. Rob is originally from Eagle Butte and serves as the board vice chair at Four Bands.

Tanya Fiddler, executive director of Four Bands Community Fund in Eagle Butte is SBA's Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for South Dakota and SBA Region VIII, which includes Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota. As the regional award winner, Fiddler becomes a candidate for SBA's national Champion of the Year.

"It's invaluable to have such visionary leaders at the helm of the important small business development work taking place on the Reservation," said Donita Fischer, the board chair at Four Bands and the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. "Tanya and Rob are very deserving of this recognition. The dedication they put into their work and their communities every day will have a rippling effect for many generations to come."

In addition to the SBA awards, Fiddler and Laurenz have teamed on Four Bands Community Fund's TWO MILLION AND TEN BY 2010 campaign to support financial literacy and small business development on the Cheyenne River Reservation. The campaign is set to launch in May and has a goal to attract \$2 million in new investments to support financial literacy and small business development on the Cheyenne River Reservation. "We want every child to examine entrepreneurship as a career option and expand their financial literacy skills before they leave high school," said Tanya Fiddler.

Information about the campaign is available at www.fourbands.org.

Four Bands Community Fund is a nonprofit community development financial institution serving the Cheyenne River Reservation. Small Business Week 2007 is set for April 22-28. SBA will present its Business Week awards in Rapid City at the Black Hills Community Economic Development's annual meeting on May 11.

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