



Native American Contractors Association

*Working to enhance the economic self-sufficiency of America's indigenous people*

## **Native American Contractors Association (NACA)**

### *Statement for Member Websites*

In this time of economic uncertainty, participation by Native Enterprises in the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program serves as economic development to stimulate both Native and non-Native communities.

Time and again, the federal government has *recognized and acknowledged* the community-based nature of Native-owned 8(a) companies. Native Enterprises have a broader purpose than traditional American corporations. Native Enterprises are expected, through business, to improve the lives of hundreds and often thousands of Native people; they exist to serve by creating economic opportunities and social support benefits. Through the SBA 8(a) program, numerous indigenous communities have been able to create better lives for their people and better communities.

NACA is working with our membership to respond to the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, as the subcommittee looks into contracts awarded to Alaska Native Corporations through the SBA's 8(a) program. There is much misinformation and misrepresentation about Native Enterprises in the 8(a) Program, and we welcome the opportunity set the record straight and provide facts in context about the work Native Enterprises perform.

NACA supports the Subcommittee's mission of oversight of U.S. government contracts, and looks forward to demonstrating to the Subcommittee how Native enterprises have been an efficient and cost-effective partner for its government customers.

We look forward to discussing the nature of our purpose and this important program in Washington in July.

For more information please visit the NACA website at [www.nativecontractors.org](http://www.nativecontractors.org), or call the NACA office at 202.349.9845.