

Call for Presenters: Share Your Expertise at Big Sky Native ECon 2025

The Art of Action: Strategic Leadership for Sustainable Change

Are you a visionary leader, an innovator, or a trailblazer in the Native American community? The Native American Development Corporation (NADC) is calling for dynamic and empowering speakers to present at the **16th Annual Big Sky Native ECon 2025**. This year's theme, "**The Art of Action**," draws inspiration from time-tested principles of strategy, leadership, and resilience that have shaped successful movements throughout history. These principles—focused on careful planning, decisive action, and adapting to challenges—are critical as we tackle the complex and transformative work happening in Indian Country today.

We are seeking speakers who can apply these lessons to modern-day challenges in economic development, entrepreneurship, healthcare, procurement, and community building. We invite you to share how strategic thinking and purposeful action can create the pathways to lasting change for Native communities.

We are looking for presentations that:

- **Cultivate Strategic Leadership for Economic Prosperity:** Share actionable solutions and methodologies that allow Native communities to lead with vision, plan for the long term, and create resilient economies that reduce reliance on external systems and foster self-sufficiency.
- **Build Resilient and Self-Reliant Supply Chains:** Discuss how to design supply chains that are both robust and community-centered, reducing vulnerabilities while creating opportunities for Native-owned businesses and tribal enterprises to thrive.
- **Empower Communities Through Sustainable Food Systems:** Explore how Native communities can reclaim control over their food systems, from sustainable agriculture to food security initiatives, with an emphasis on self-sufficiency and health.
- **Secure Energy Independence for the Future:** Present strategies for Native communities to harness renewable energy resources, build local infrastructure, and reduce dependency on outside energy sources, all while promoting environmental sustainability.
- **Master Data Management and Protection:** Share insights on how Native communities can effectively manage, protect, and utilize their data to support cultural preservation, economic growth, and security, while keeping control of their digital assets.
- **Foster Resilience and Self-Sufficiency:** Provide examples of how communities are developing strong, adaptive, and self-sustaining infrastructures through thoughtful strategy, collaboration, and innovation that reflect Native values and traditions.

Presenter Benefits:

- **A Platform to Inspire and Influence:** Showcase your expertise and impactful work to an engaged audience of leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and professionals dedicated to progress.

- **Networking with Industry Leaders:** Connect with a vibrant community of thought leaders, change agents, and advocates working toward a shared vision of Native empowerment.
- **Expand Your Professional Reach:** Elevate your professional presence, grow your network, and enhance your influence in Native American economic and business development spaces.
- **Be a Part of Lasting Change:** Contribute to a transformative conversation that is shaping the future of Native communities and driving the change we want to see.

Discount: \$100 off registration, which includes access to the Welcome Reception on August 5th and the Boots & Beads Reception on August 6th.

Submission Guidelines:

We are seeking presentations that align with the theme of "**The Art of Action**" and provide concrete, actionable takeaways for attendees. All proposals must be submitted through our official application portal by **May 23, 2025**. Please include a brief summary of your presentation, your bio, and any relevant experience or success stories you would like to share.