



Copper Bear Consulting, LLC

turning ideas into action

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**MASTER and STRATEGIC TRIBAL PLANNING
HUD IHBG & ICDBG and DOJ CTAS GRANT WRITING
ICDBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION and CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

- **CONCEPT TO KEYS: PHASE 1** – Research, develop feasibility studies, and write federal funding requests for American Indian tribes for: Housing Development, Travel Plazas, Convenience Stores, RV Parks, Sports Complexes, Restaurants, Grocery Stores, Farming and Ranching, Commercial Greenhouses, Non-Emergency Medical Transport, Museum and Cultural Centers, Diabetes Centers, Health & Wellness Centers, Roads, Water & Sewer, Childcare Centers and more; and **PHASE 2** – Administer projects for federal compliance, procurement, timely and on budget completion, and track monthly expenditures monthly toward successful closeout
- Specialize in developing, writing, and managing U. S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG & IHBG) for Oklahoma tribal clients (*references available upon request*) and writing highly competitive DOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grants

EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Oklahoma State University (OSU)**
Managed research support services for the College of Arts and Sciences and responsible for coordinating with 400 faculty members to package and submit 370 Federal, state, and private research proposals per year totaling \$80 million dollars in FY 2009 and \$95 million in FY 2010
- ❖ **U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
Administratively managed \$16 million dollars of new and existing Federal grants and Congressional earmarks for agency executive management and Contract Specialist for approximately 48 Federal construction and service contracts ranging from federal dam construction to emergency cleanup of Oklahoma waterways from disasters
- ❖ **Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN)**
Created internal process and application to successfully convert 17 tribal tracts from Fee-To-Trust; wrote Federal proposals and awarded \$6.4 million in grants to further tribal programs (self-governance, social services, and capital projects such as tribal health center, cultural center); created the tribal roads department, developed system, tracked, and assessed programs totaling nearly \$30 million annually in Federal funds; and audited tribal-wide programs to successfully negotiate tribe into self governance compact with the DOI/BIA in 1998 and assisted in compacting with IHS in 2000

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Copper Bear Consulting, LLC** - President/Primary Consultant, Oct 2006 to Present – Stillwater, OK
- **Oklahoma State University** – Research Support Manager (Arts & Sciences), Jan 2009 to May 2011 – Stillwater, OK
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, State Office** - Contract and Grant & Agreement Specialist, Oct 2004 to Oct 2006 – Stillwater, OK
- **Citizen Potawatomi Nation** – Independent Fee-To-Trust Contractor (2006-2008), Grants and Contracts Coordinator, 2000 to 2001; NAGPRA Consultant and contract archaeologist, 1998 to 2000; DOI/ Self-Governance Coordinator/Roads Director, 1996 to 1998

EDUCATION

- **240 CE hours** of Federal acquisition/procurement planning and contract formation/administration
- **Master of Arts (History), University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, May 2004**, Thesis title: “If You Build It, They Will Come: Using Museum Design and Exhibition to Promote American Indian Nationalism.”
- **Selected Publications: 1)** Wetzels, Christopher. Review of *Gathering the Potawatomi Nation*, by Lisa Kraft. *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 93 (Winter 2015-16): 502-503. **2)** Kraft, Lisa. “Trice Purchased: Acquisition and Allotment of the Citizen Potawatomi Reservation,” *The Chronicles of Oklahoma* 86 (Spring 2008): 64-87. **3)** Kraft, Lisa. *Generational Principles: Modern Application to Business and Personal Success*. Edited by Jeretta Horn Nord. *A Cup of Cappuccino for the Entrepreneur’s Spirit: American Indian Women Entrepreneurs’ Edition*. 2011. **4)** Kraft, Lisa (cultural consultant). *The Potawatomi*. Written by Karen Gibson. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 2003.
- **Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology-Archaeology), University of Oklahoma, Norman, May 1995**

ELECTED/APPOINTED

- **Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN)** Elected Tribal Legislator, **2008 to 2021** (elected four consecutive terms), Senior lawmaker for the 9th largest American Indian nation in America with over 36,000 tribal members, 2,500 employees and an operating budget of \$450 million
- Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art (Shawnee, OK), Board of Trustees, 2007-2011 & 2018-2022 (chair-elect 2020-2021)
- First National Bank and Trust of Shawnee (Citizen Potawatomi Nation-owned), Board of Directors, 2002-2008