

# raven's circle

## \$3.4 billion Indian trust settlement reached

20,000 Alaska Natives could benefit

After nearly fifteen years of litigation, the class action litigation initiated by key plaintiff Elouise Cobell v. Salazar against the Department of Interior settled for \$3.4 billion. In December 2010, President Barack Obama signed legislation authorizing the imbursement of funds to eligible claimants.

The case began in 1996 when key plaintiff Elouise Cobell and 500,000 American Indians filed a suit against the federal government. The plaintiffs maintain that the Interior Department did not keep an accurate accounting of what went into and out of Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts, which were to be set up for Alaska Native and American Indian people to hold.

The lawsuit also was intended to force the federal government to conduct an accurate accounting of IIMs and to reform the recordkeeping system going forward. Total estimates for the discrepancies at one point were alleged to be as high as \$100 billion.

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Elouise Cobell meets President Obama.

Photo by Pete Souza



Photo courtesy of CIRI

Five Fire Island wind turbine pads were prepared fall 2010.

## Fire Island Update

# Wind project support builds

Public support for the Fire Island wind project continues to grow. On Feb.1, the Anchorage Assembly passed a resolution, AR-2011-38, directing Anchorage's municipally owned utility, Municipal Light & Power (ML&P), to participate in a power purchase agreement with Fire Island Wind LLC, CIRI's commercial-scale Alaska wind generation company. The resolution is the Anchorage Assembly's response to projections that Southcentral Alaska and the Railbelt region's usage of natural gas will exceed local supplier's production by or before 2013.

The resolution also reflects local sentiment captured in a recent survey conducted by polling company Craciun Research Group. The survey revealed that nine in ten Railbelt ratepayers surveyed think that local and diverse sources of energy are very important. Public knowledge of dwindling natural gas supplies has also increased. The survey revealed that more than 85 percent of local ratepayers think diverse energy sources are very important.

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## SBA 8(a) reforms promote accountability, transparency

Key government contracting reforms proposed by CIRI, ASRC and Doyon adopted

CIRI, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) and Doyon, Limited are encouraged by reforms published Feb. 11 by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The reforms promote accountability and transparency in the 8(a) business development program without denying opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged companies to develop sustainable businesses.

CIRI, ASRC and Doyon proposed a slate of viable and responsible reforms to the SBA in September 2010 to increase competition and accountability in 8(a) contracting while reducing the potential for abuse. For example, in response to draft regulations issued in 2009, CIRI, ASRC and Doyon proposed to prohibit the "rollover" of 8(a) sole-source contracts from one 8(a) participant to an affiliated 8(a) company owned by the same organization. CIRI, ASRC and Doyon are pleased that the SBA took its comments into consideration and adopted their proposed approach.

"CIRI, ASRC and Doyon worked with the SBA to improve the 8(a) program to ensure that it continues to support the business owners it was designed to serve," said Margie Brown, CIRI president and chief executive officer.

The new reform does not dismantle existing federal Indian policy. Current congressional legislation targeting Alaska Native corporations' participation in the 8(a) program would effectively amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, the very act by which Alaska Native corporations were created.

"The rule-making process has been long and difficult for the Alaska Native community. The SBA struck a meaningful balance by protecting government and taxpayer interests with these reforms while continuing to provide economic opportunities for disadvantaged businesses," said Rex Rock Sr., president and chief executive officer of ASRC.

Norm Phillips, president and chief executive officer of Doyon said, "Congress expanded competitive opportunities for Alaska Native corporations under the 8(a) program to benefit thousands of Alaska Native shareholders, families and individuals, and this should remain a priority of the federal government."

View a copy of the reform proposal and a letter to SBA Administrator Karen Mills on CIRI's news feed at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com).

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A word from the president

# Have Alaskans lost their can-do attitude?

By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

In 2009 we celebrated 50 years of statehood, and the Alaska Natives Claims Settlement Act turns 40 later this year. Both of these anniversaries commemorate a time before Alaska had much material wealth, when Alaskans were spirited, scrappy and excited to take on oversized challenges that people Outside said could not be done. They turned their territory into a state. They settled Alaska Native indigenous land claims and created Alaska Native corporations that do business around the world and create new wealth that is benefiting generations of Alaskans. And in only 38 months, they built an 800-mile-long pipeline that crosses three mountain ranges and more than 800 rivers and streams to supply oil to our nation.

It was not too many years ago when Alaskans saw opportunities where we see problems today. Maybe it was because the state was young and did not have a lot to lose, but Alaskans were adventurous entrepreneurs who were not afraid to take risks and bet that innovation and hard work would pay huge rewards.

Today, by contrast, Alaskans still like to talk big, but bold action is uncommon. Instead, as a group, I wonder -- have we lost our can-do attitude?

CIRI is developing two significant energy projects, Fire Island Wind and Stone Horn Ridge underground coal gasification, that are showing me first-hand the obstacles to developing resources in Alaska today.

Should we care that Alaska resource development has become so difficult? Consider that Alaska has historically generated the vast majority of its revenue from resource development, primarily oil and gas, especially North Slope oil. In 2010, 85 percent of the state's general fund came from oil, almost \$5 billion. That is a lot of money, but known oil reserves are running out and there is little exploration on the horizon. In the natural gas-hungry Cook Inlet region gas production decreased 40 percent between 2005 and 2010.

One need only look at the province of Alberta to see what Alaska once was. It is bustling and alive with activity, with business enterprises pursuing both traditional oil and gas development and innovative and cutting edge techniques to access previously unrecoverable reserves by a variety of means. Alberta oil is now one of our country's most important imported energy resources.

In stark contrast to Alberta, Alaska's energy industry is atrophying. Legacy reserves are in steep decline and little effort is being put into exploration and development of new oil and gas reserves. It is likely that there will be only one true exploration well drilled on the North Slope this season. There is also a chance that only one true exploration well will be drilled this season in the Cook Inlet basin, where residents need new energy sources to power and heat our homes.

Southcentral Alaska's energy industry in particular is down to its bare bones. Nigerians are looking to buy pieces of the shuttered Agrium fertilizer plant at Nikiski. Conoco Philips recently announced it is closing its Nikiski LNG export plant -- the one and only LNG export terminal to ever operate in the United States of America -- this spring. Chevron, a company that has been in Cook Inlet since the discovery of commercial oil in Alaska, has its entire Cook Inlet portfolio on the market.

What can we do to get things moving again? Government can help some, not by just studying the problem, but by providing appropriate and timely regulatory regime that facilitates reasonable and responsible development. It should assure equitable access to energy infrastructure. More than anything else, our government needs to take immediate steps to support the entrepreneurial spirit by breaking down institutional barriers that needlessly inhibit new development. After that, it should be up to Alaskans.

How can Alaskans recapture a can-do spirit that will drive us to do the hard work it takes to develop new energy solutions? First, we need to stop making excuses. Too often I hear that development cannot happen because we are not completely sure of the outcome, or worse, because Alaska is too unique. We must put aside these excuses, and we must ask our political leaders to do so as well.

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Many Alaskans are becoming increasingly alarmed at the prospect of the state slowly withering in the midst of all of the natural wealth that we have around us. Reacting to these concerns, grassroots coalitions, like Make Alaska Competitive ([www.MakeAlaskaCompetitive.com](http://www.MakeAlaskaCompetitive.com)), are forming to look at the long-term health of Alaska's energy industry and business climate. These broad-based, citizen-led initiatives, characterized by creativity, ambition and bull-headed fortitude, will help ensure prudent development proceeds.

I am hopeful we can re-discover our can-do attitude -- our old Alaska spirit -- and in doing so, chart a course to a prosperous and fulfilling future for generations of Alaskans.



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## Fire Island

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More uncovered from the survey:

- 96 percent of surveyed ratepayers think that stable energy pricing is important
- 75 percent of surveyed ratepayers think that renewable energy resources are very important
- 76 percent of surveyed ratepayers surveyed oppose importing liquid natural gas
- 79 percent surveyed support flat-priced energy sourced from wind
- More than 80 percent of surveyed ratepayers think that the Cook Inlet natural gas shortage is a serious or somewhat serious problem.

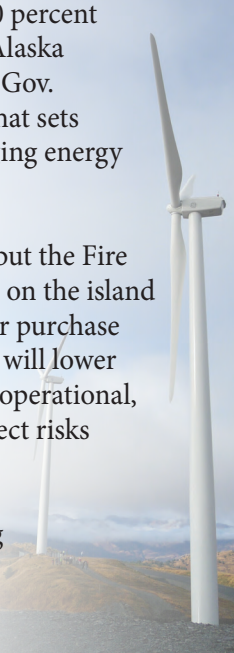
This public opinion survey shows that lessening local dependence on natural gas, Southcentral Alaska's primary source of energy, is important to ratepayers. The Fire Island Wind project could reduce the Railbelt's dependence on natural gas by 1 to 1.5 billion cubic feet per year. The price of power that Fire Island Wind LLC is offering is competitive with expected gas prices when the project comes online and will not fluctuate

with world energy prices while remaining a profitable investment.

The project will also help Alaska meet its goal of securing 50 percent of its energy needs from renewable resources by 2025. The Alaska Sustainable Energy Act (Senate Bill 220), signed into law by Gov. Sean Parnell June 16, establishes a statewide energy policy that sets energy goals and provides funding for renewable and emerging energy technologies.

The momentum for renewable energy in Alaska is in place, but the Fire Island wind project cannot move forward with construction on the island without cooperation from local utilities in the form of power purchase agreements. The project has qualified for grant funding that will lower the price of power to local ratepayers once the wind farm is operational, but without agreements in place with local utilities, the project risks losing crucial construction time and value to ratepayers.

To learn more about this local energy project and protecting Southcentral Alaska from volatile world energy prices, visit [www.fireislandwind.com](http://www.fireislandwind.com)



## CIRI Spotlight:

**Jan Harper Haines**

The author in her own words

"Hootlani!" a story by author and CIRI shareholder Jan (Petri) Harper Haines, was recently published in the winter 2010 West Marin Review. Haines is also the author of "Cold River Spirits: The legacy of an Athabascan-Irish Family from Alaska's Yukon River." Haines has a bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and has participated in and taught many writing workshops and conferences.



Jan Harper Haines

**Tell me about your early life:**

I was born in Sitka in 1943, in Sheldon Jackson's infirmary, Tillie Paul Manor, when Mom couldn't make it to the hospital. The nurse at 4 a.m. was not pleased to be delivering a baby and scolded Mom. When I was about 4, we moved from Sitka to Anchorage. We first lived on Third Avenue with my godparents, near the first ANS hospital.

**What are you most proud of?**

As an Athabascan, I am leery of talking about pride. Like bragging, it can jinx good luck. I have had moments of success in advertising and marketing in Honolulu and San Francisco. And I am very pleased to have had "Cold River Spirits" published, which honors my mother's people and which was well received by those whose opinion I value, including many of Alaska's elders.

When my publisher told me Tony Hillerman had written a blurb for "Cold River Spirits," I felt like I'd won the academy award. It was an amazing moment and I felt lighter than air. I suppose one of my happiest moments was when I presented at the Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference in 2005. The caliber of the other authors and poets was impressive; it was a joy to be there. I loved teaching the workshops. I'd like to do that again.

I was also part of the Anchorage Sisters In Crime "Authors to the Bush" program in 2007. I went to Nenana—not exactly bush. One of my stories in "Cold River Spirits" takes place in Nenana. It tells of a frightening episode in my mother's life. It was in the Anchorage Daily News, Alaska Magazine and I believe the News-Miner, as well as a Seattle newspaper. While in Nenana, I also had a lovely visit with Nina Alexander, an elder who had known some of my Harper relatives.

I was also the guest author and workshop leader for the Chena Hot Springs Alaska Student Writing Retreat. That was a kick. I loved those kids, wanted to take them home.

**What are you working on now?**

My short true story "Hootlani!" revolves around a personal experience. I have written several such stories. I'd like to assemble them into a book, possibly similar to "Cold River Spirits," but of my generation.

Excerpt from *Hootlani!*

**S**pirits were as plentiful as **S**rocks in a riverbed when I was growing up in Anchorage. When my mother's Athabascan relatives got together, the presence of our ancestors was so thick, I could almost smell great aunt Lucy's powder, or the bitter smoke of Sam Harper's hand rolled cigarettes.

When Grandma visited, friends and relatives tried not to mention Lucy or John Minook by name. If they did, Grandma would hiss, "Hootlani!" And if anyone mentioned my grandfather, Sam Harper, she grew still, as if something had entered the room.

*Hootlani* is Athabascan for protection against having summoned the dead. It is always uttered juicily, with plenty of spit. *Hootlani!*

*Never say the name of a dead person or you will call them to you. Hootlani!*

It was, however, permissible to refer to the departed obliquely. As in: *Remember that woman from down river with two children by that man who worked at Nerlands? Or: You remember that old woman from upriver who wore pink slippers to the Coop drugstore, summer and winter? No mukluks for her!*

One snowy afternoon I was in Anchorage visiting my cousin Mike. Of Grandma's thirty-five grandchillen, Mike had lived with her the longest. He grew up immersed in Grandma's stories and Native beliefs.

Jane, Mike's wife, was about to fix dinner. She knew I was looking for photographs for a family biography and handed me an old shoebox. "See if there's anything here you can use," she said before disappearing into the kitchen.

Flipping through the aging black and white snapshots, many yellowed around the edges I went into high alert when I saw a faded photo of Grandma's sister, Lucy Minook. She stood behind an open casket, almost regal in her dark coat, and styled hair.

Just then, the front door banged open and chilly air rushed into the house. "Hey, Mike," I said, waving the photograph as he stomped the snow from his boots. "You've got to see this!"

Smiling, he reached for it. But as he looked at it, his eyes widened. With a sudden yelp, he reared back, knocking into the table and rattling the glassware. Uh oh. I caught the photo as it drifted to the floor. In the casket in front of Lucy was the body of our great grandfather, John Minook. His leathery Indian face fixed in stern repose against a pale satin lining.

Chagrined, I realized I had forgotten the power of photographs in summoning the spirits. *Hootlani!*

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**Career opportunity**

Pacific Tower Properties Inc./PTP Management Inc. (PTP), a CIRI subsidiary, is recruiting a **Commercial Property Manager** for a position located in Anchorage, Alaska. Visit [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com) to review the job description and access the PTP employment application. If you meet the minimum qualifications and would like to apply, submit a resume, letter of interest and a PTP application to CIRI Human Resources, P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509-3330, fax (907) 263-5508, or e-mail [ttoloff@ciri.com](mailto:ttoloff@ciri.com). If you have questions regarding this position, please contact Tabettha Toloff at (907) 263-5541 or [ttoloff@ciri.com](mailto:ttoloff@ciri.com).

**CIRI shareholders are strongly encouraged to apply.**



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**CIRI dividend news**

CIRI will mail or directly deposit its first quarter 2011 dividend of \$8.42 per share on Thursday, March 31. Shareholders who own 100 shares of stock will receive a first quarter dividend of \$842.00.

The deadline for shareholder address changes for the first quarter 2011 dividend is 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22. Address change forms can be downloaded from CIRI's website and mailed to P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, Alaska 99509-3330, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. Please call the Shareholder Relations Department at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 to confirm receipt of the fax.

For information on dividend amounts, address changes, direct deposit or lost and missing dividends, visit [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com). Shareholders can also call CIRI's dividend hotline at (907) 263-5100 or toll-free at (800) 764-2435.

## Former police chief heads ANJC

Walt Monegan brings years of public service to job

The Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) has named Walt Monegan its new president and chief executive officer. Monegan was formerly the Anchorage police chief and the Alaska public safety commissioner.

Monegan joins ANJC with many years of public service experience. He worked in law enforcement for 33 years with the Anchorage Police Department, where he was appointed chief of police in 2001. He served as chief of police for five years until he retired from the police force in 2006. In 2006, he was appointed Alaska public safety commissioner, where he served until 2008.



Photo courtesy of Walt Monegan

Walt Monegan

Monegan is of Yup'ik, Tlingit and Irish heritage. After working as a radio announcer at the Bethel public radio station KYUK (AM), a commercial fisherman and a laborer, Monegan found his niche in public service, first as a U.S. Marine, then as a volunteer medic firefighter and then in law enforcement.

Monegan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management from Alaska Pacific University and has received training in Northwestern University's Traffic Institute Staff and Command School, Harvard's John F. Kennedy's School of State and Local Government and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Executive Institute.

He has been honored for his police service by the Alaska Native Justice Center and the Anchorage Samoan Community, who made him an honorary chief.

## CITC distributes six tons of clothing

CIRI employees donate time to KIDS Alaska

Each year, hundreds of Alaskan children receive new, high-quality clothing through KIDS Alaska, a program administered by Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). Kids in Distressed Situations (KIDS) is a New York-based nonprofit that redistributes items donated from retailers and manufacturers to economically disadvantaged communities. CITC is the only Alaska-based affiliate for the KIDS program.



Photo courtesy of CITC

CIRI employees Danielle Larsen, Justina Meyer, Rachel Batres and Carolyn Bickley show clothing donated to CITC's KIDS Alaska program.

"The KIDS program is such a great way to have a significant impact on Alaska's neediest children," said Gloria O'Neill, CITC president and chief executive officer.

KIDS ships the clothing to Tacoma, Wash., where CITC then is responsible for transporting the items to Alaska and delivering them to more than 1,000 families throughout the state.

"Partnerships are absolutely critical to the success of the KIDS Alaska program. We are so grateful for the outstanding support of Carlisle Transportation, the Rasmuson Foundation, Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Alaska Airlines, The National Guard and Spernak Air, all who have donated their services to the KIDS Alaska program," said O'Neill.

Once a KIDS shipment arrives at CITC, it requires many hands to unpack, sort and re-package the items for re-distribution. CITC recently received a shipment of six tons of clothing from the Sears Corp. and American Girl, a massive shipment which equated to 50 pallets of clothing and required two tractor trailers for delivery. CIRI employees, among many others, volunteered their time to help. To learn more about the KIDS Alaska Program or to make a donation, visit [www.citci.org](http://www.citci.org) or contact Kelly Hurd, CITC development director, at [khurd@citci.org](mailto:khurd@citci.org) or (907) 793-3272.

The CIRI Foundation

## Next grant deadline is March 31

The CIRI Foundation (TCF) supports original CIRI enrollees and their direct lineal descendants by providing financial aid awards for higher education and training opportunities. TCF also manages village scholarship and education grant programs for Ninilchik Native Association Inc., Salamatof Native Association and Eklutna Inc. A grant deadline is approaching on March 31. Applications must be received on or before the March 31 deadline to be considered.

### Vocational training grants

Purpose: To promote preparation for successful careers in a specialized technical skills field.

Eligibility: Original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED, maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average and be prepared to demonstrate the availability of employment upon completion of the training.

Amount: Up to \$4,500 received during a calendar year.

### Career upgrade grants

Purpose: For part-time, degree-seeking students and to encourage career upgrade skills or re-entry into the job market.

Eligibility: Original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED, maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average and be enrolled part-time (11 credits or less) in a degree seeking program.

Amount: Up to \$4,500 received during a calendar year.

The Eklutna Inc. scholarship and grant program also has a deadline of March 31 and a separate application is required. Visit the TCF website to learn more.

## Did you know?

CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer Margie Brown is the granddaughter of Adams Hollis Twitchell, the Kuskokwim trader who acquired, circa 1905, a collection of Yup'ik masks on behalf of the Museum of American Indian in New York.

When the New York museum experienced financial troubles in the 1940s, they sold half of the masks in the Twitchell Collection. As Twitchell described in his notes that accompanied the collection, the mask Ungalaq (shown here) represents the south wind. It was eventually purchased by Enrico Donati, a surrealist artist who used the mask as inspiration. The south wind mask recently sold at auction for \$2.5 million, which is believed to be a record price for a single piece of Native American art.

Many Twitchell Collection masks remain in the Museum of the American Indian, which is now a Smithsonian Institution museum. Other masks from the collection that were sold have been finding their way to museums in America and in Europe. Several pieces from the Twitchell Collection are currently housed in the recently opened Smithsonian's Arctic Studies Center in the Anchorage Museum at the Rasmuson Center.



Photo courtesy of Hamby & Woolley Inc.



## In Touch with shareholders



MJ Heyward

### Young leader

CIRI descendant Marissa J. (M.J.) Heyward was sworn in to the Anchorage Youth Court (AYC) Bar Association after passing the fall 2010 bar exam. AYC provides opportunities for Anchorage youth to learn about the legal system while also helping juvenile offenders learn personal accountability. M.J. is the daughter of Beth Rochford-Ornt and CIRI shareholder Michael Heyward, who was a member of AYC from 1990-1992. She is the granddaughter of CIRI shareholder Lydia and Christopher Heyward. Her great-grandmother is CIRI shareholder Jennie Larson.



Lacè Heyward

### College graduate

CIRI descendant Lacè Heyward graduated December 2010 from Westwood College in Denver, Colo., with a bachelor's degree in business and fashion. Her proud parents are CIRI shareholder Lydia Heyward and Christopher Heyward. She is the granddaughter of CIRI shareholder Jennie Larson.

## Larry Theodore wins stock will prize

The winner for the February 2011 stock will participation prize is Larry Louie Theodore. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI's Shareholder Relations Department. The CIRI stock will form and instructions are located on the CIRI website at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com). To verify whether you have a will on file, contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

## Share your news and stay connected

Shareholders, submit your announcements to the CIRI reception desk at 2525 C Street, Suite 500, Anchorage, AK, by e-mailing it to [ciriinfo@ciri.com](mailto:ciriinfo@ciri.com) or by mailing it to the attention of:

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## CIRI needs your help locating shareholder addresses

CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record with the shareholder relations department and should fill out the change of address form at CIRI's offices, or download it at [www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/change.aspx](http://www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/change.aspx). You can also write a letter, signed by the shareholder, which includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and social security number.

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## Cobell

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The settlement was brokered by Congress, and on December 8, 2010, President Obama signed legislation approving the \$3.4 billion settlement of Cobell v. Salazar. On December 21, 2010, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia granted preliminary approval to begin the process of disbursing the settlement funds. A court-appointed media company recently started a campaign to notify hundreds of thousands of Alaska Native and American Indian individuals that they may be beneficiaries of the settlement. A special website, [www.indiantrust.com](http://www.indiantrust.com), was established to provide information about the settlement and the legal rights of class action members.

The settlement provides for a \$1.5 billion fund to compensate an estimated 500,000 affected individual trust beneficiaries who have or had IIM accounts or own trust land, and creates two groups of class action members eligible to receive money from the fund—the historical accounting class and the trust administration class. The historical accounting class comprises individual Alaska Native and American Indians who were alive on Sept. 30, 2009, who had an open IIM account anytime between Oct. 25, 1994 and Sept. 30, 2009, and whose account had at least one cash transaction.

The trust administration class comprises individual Alaska Native and American Indians alive on Sept. 30, 2009, who had an IIM Account at any time from 1985 through Sept. 30, 2009, recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems, as well as individual Alaska

Native and American Indians who, as of Sept. 30, 2009, had a recorded or demonstrable interest in land held in trust or restricted status.

The estates of deceased class action members will also receive a settlement distribution if the deceased beneficiary's account was open as of September 30, 2009, or if their land interest was open in probate as of that date. Other eligibility conditions and requirements for each class are detailed in the settlement agreement.

The remaining \$1.9 billion will fund a DOI program to buy fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers to benefit tribal communities and aid in land consolidation, and depending on the level of participation in the land consolidation program, up to \$60 million will be set aside to provide higher education scholarships for Alaska Native and American Indian youth.

### Is the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) looking for you?

OST is seeking current addresses for a number of IIM account holders. These account holders have either interests in lands and/or funds held by OST. To find out if OST is looking for you, please visit [www.doi.gov/ost/iim/index.html](http://www.doi.gov/ost/iim/index.html), call (888) 678-6836 or write to Office of Special Trustee, attn: Trust Beneficiary Call Center, 4400 Masthead Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

***It is estimated that Alaska has more than 20,000 possible beneficiaries. Individuals who are unsure whether they are included in the settlement should visit the website [www.indiantrust.com](http://www.indiantrust.com) or call (800) 961-6109 for more information.***

# In Memory

**Eleanor Virginia Bodkin, 71**

Eleanor Virginia Bodkin died Jan. 29 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Bodkin was born Jan. 14, 1940, in Anchorage. She is survived by her sister, Elsie Vivian Chythlook; and brother, Clarence R. P. Achayok.

**George Nester William Constantine Jr., 25**

George Nester William Constantine Jr. died Dec. 23, 2010, in Tyonek, Alaska. Mr. Constantine was born Feb. 24 1985, in Anchorage. He is survived by his daughters, Georgena and Cynthia Constantine; son, Dustin; mother, Emma Constantine; sisters, Gloria, Tina, Anne and Fedora Constantine; many nieces and nephews; and fiancé, Gena Bartels.

**George J. Earviak Sr., 67**

George J. Earviak Sr. died Nov. 7, 2010, in Newtok, Alaska. Mr. Earviak was born Jan. 1, 1943, in Alaska. He is survived by his spouse, Margaret A. Earviak; and daughters, Agnes R. and Marie A. Earviak.

**Katherine Helmig, 89**

Katherine Helmig died Nov. 20, 2010, at Taylored Cozy Care in Anchorage. Ms. Helmig was born in Anchorage. She is survived by her son, Paul Panamarioff.

**William J. Lind, 84**

William J. Lind died Nov. 7, 2010, at the Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, Wash. Mr. Lind was born Jan. 5, 1926, in Colville, Wash. He met his late wife of 48 years, Rosalind (Miller), in Spokane. Together they lived in the Spenard area of Anchorage from 1965 to 1990 until they retired to Idaho. He is survived by his sister, Kathryn Andrist.

**William McCord, 74**

William McCord died Dec. 26, 2010, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. McCord, a lifelong Alaskan, was born Nov. 21, 1936, in Tyonek, Alaska. His family says he will be remembered for his "generous and giving nature, and great sense of humor." He is survived by his sister, Nancy Wesson; brothers, Ray and Lawrence McCord; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**John Amos McFarlin, 55**

John Amos McFarlin died Nov. 15, 2010, in Palmer, Alaska. Mr. McFarlin was born March 27, 1955, in New Jersey. He is survived by his son, James R. McFarlin; grandson, Troy James McFarlin; mother, Hazel T. McFarlin; father, Donald W. McFarlin; sisters, Roxanne Smyers and Clovis Leiser; and nieces and nephews.

**Louis Edward McMeeken, 81**

Louis Edward McMeeken died Dec. 18, 2010, in Bellingham, Wash. Mr. McMeeken was born in 1929 in Seldovia, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn McMeeken; daughters, Kathy McMeeken Bower, Karen McMeeken Nagel, Kristie McMeeken Lines and Karolyn Marchel; and sons, Daniel and David McMeeken.

**Ernest Leslie Oksoktaruk, 60**

Ernest Leslie Oksoktaruk died May 26, 2010, on the Fish River near White Mountain, Alaska. Mr. Oksoktaruk was born Dec. 11, 1949. He is survived by his daughter, Theresa Ann Lincoln.

**Larry Wayne Rodgers, 45**

Larry Wayne Rodgers died Dec. 21, 2010, at home in Henderson, Nev. Mr. Rodgers was born Jan. 29, 1965, in Soldotna, Alaska. He is survived by his son, Jesse Michael Rodgers; mother, Katheryn M. Rodgers; and father, Carl F. Rodgers.

**Lowell Keith Suydam, 57**

Lowell Keith Suydam died Jan. 14 in Seldovia, Alaska. Mr. Suydam was born Jan. 27, 1953, in Chignik Lagoon, Alaska. Mr. Suydam was a successful commercial fisherman and computer expert for the Seldovia Village Tribe. His family says, "We have lost this great fisherman. Lowell was the most loving, quiet, generous and kind husband, father, brother and friend. To be in his presence was a blessing... He is greatly missed and will be cherished forever within our hearts." He is survived by his wife, Marcella; children, Myriah, Seth, Chelsea and Nathan; sister, Lorraine (Bill) Mantor; brothers, Wesley (Resa) Suydam, Steven (Linda) Suydam, Dwain Suydam, Leon Suydam and Roger Suydam; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Lowell Suydam

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**Darren Bradley Alexander, 30**

**Arthur J. Brandon, 79**

**Carol Marie Watson, 55**



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CIRI shareholder Jim Kerr owns Man of Gravity, an entertainment company specializing in providing juggling and music entertainment and lessons. Since 1978, Kerr has performed professionally as a juggler and a musician. He plays guitar for the Irish traditional music group Crooked Road and the acoustic band Jubilee. He recently taught juggling in conjunction with Alaska Native culture and language at Williwaw Elementary School.

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