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Cheyenne River Sioux Woman Takes a Seat on Treasury's Community Development Advisory Board

Eagle Butte, South Dakota – December 27, 2012 – Following an appointment by President Obama earlier this month, Tanya Fiddler (Cheyenne River Lakota Nation), was officially welcomed onto the U.S. Department of Treasury's Community Development Advisory Board on December 17, 2012. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to advise the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, a program of the U.S. Department of Treasury, on its activities and programs which are designed to increase economic opportunity and promote community development investments for underserved populations and in distressed communities in the United States.

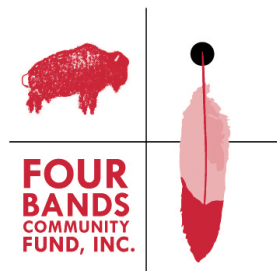
"I am honored to have been selected for this position and am looking forward to providing the CDFI Fund insight into the unique challenges and innovations of economic development in Native communities," states Fiddler, who is the Executive Director of Four Bands Community Fund, a Native CDFI located in Eagle Butte, South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. Fiddler, who has dedicated the last 15 years to Native community development, also serves as the Chairperson for the South Dakota Indian Business Alliance, as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Native CDFI Network, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Corporation for Enterprise Development.

The Community Development Advisory Board is comprised of 15 members, including the Secretary of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Interior and Treasury, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, or his or her designee; and nine private citizens appointed by the President, including: two individuals who are officers of existing CDFIs; two individuals who are officers of insured depository institutions; two individuals who are officers of national consumer or public interest organizations; two individuals who have expertise in community development; and one individual who has personal experience and specialized expertise in the unique lending and community development issues confronted by Indian tribes on Indian reservations.

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About Four Bands Community Fund

Four Bands Community Fund is the leading organization on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in the areas of small business development, business lending, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship education. With over a decade of experience in working in a rural, economically distressed area, we have perfected our products and services within our core program areas to overcome the challenges of poverty and unemployment that our residents face.

As a non-profit organization and a certified Native community development financial institution (CDFI) established in 2000, Four Bands continuously strives to achieve our mission of creating economic opportunity by helping people build strong and sustainable small businesses and increase their financial capability. Our hope is that by investing in our people and serving as an access point to financial resources we will break the cycle of poverty.