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Planned Intertribal Education and Community Center receives Rocky Mountain Power Foundation support

RIVERTON, Wyo. — The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has awarded a \$1,750 grant to Central Wyoming College to help with the construction and programming costs for the school's Intertribal Education and Community Center. The new building will provide space for education, career counseling, public meetings and displays of cultural art and artifacts.

With nearly 20 percent of Central Wyoming College's student population being Native American, the college has made a commitment to cultural diversity, and to the construction of an Intertribal Education and Community Center.

"The mission of the center is to coordinate Native American services, and to educate and inform non-natives and Native Americans alike about tribal heritage and customs," said Mohammed Waheed, Central Wyoming College vice president of student services. "It is important to provide a positive influence in the lives of the region's Native American population and in the community at large."

Central Wyoming College coordinators provide academic advising, career exploration and planning, and career and personal counseling to Native American students. Assistance also is provided to Native American students wanting to transfer to a four-year institution following graduation from Central Wyoming College.

"The Intertribal Education and Community Center will provide a space for strengthening cultural alliances among Fremont County residents," said Larry Elcock, Rocky Mountain Power customer and community manager. "The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation is proud to lend its support."

Fundraising for the center continues and construction is scheduled to begin in 2009.

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About Central Wyoming College

Central Wyoming College is a public community college in Riverton, Wyo. It is the only publicly supported, two-year, postsecondary educational institution within a 120-mile radius. The city of Riverton is surrounded by the Wind River Indian Reservation, home to the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho nations. For more information, visit www.cwc.edu.

About the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

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