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Cook Inlet Tribal Council Unveils New Business Enterprise

Congressman Don Young special guest at transportation center grand opening

Cook Inlet Tribal Council will celebrate the grand opening of its transportation and training center on Friday, February 19, from 1:30 to 2:30. Special guests include Congressman Don Young and Mayor Dan Sullivan, who will make remarks, as well as Clare Swan, CITC Board Chair and Tribal Elder, who will bless the building and announce its Dena'ina name.

The transportation and training center will house CITC's newest business enterprise, the ACCESS 360 Shuttle service. Recognizing a need in our community for more transportation options, we are partnering with several businesses and organizations to provide expanded services. Shuttle routes will connect people to the Alaska Native Hospital campus, UAA and APU, the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and destinations in Mountain View and downtown.

CITC is a proven leader in fostering self-sufficiency through business enterprise, creating small businesses that generate income while offering workplace experience to participants. These businesses include a coffee shop with three locations, a diner, an art gallery, and technical services for non-profits. The ACCESS 360 Shuttle service is the newest of these small businesses. The new transportation and training building, where the shuttle service will be based, will serve as a resource for employment and training services, conferences, and small business development.

For more information on CITC enterprises, contact Amy Fredeen, Chief Financial Officer at 793-3431.

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Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (CITC) is a tribal non-profit organization in Anchorage, Alaska, that offers opportunities to Alaska Natives and American Indians in the Cook Inlet region. CITC is an innovative leader in the social service arena, helping program participants pursue opportunities to develop their personal potential and self-reliance.