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CIIC Executive Board cancels annual conference for 2021

Tempe, Ariz. – The recent spikes of the delta variant outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) remind us to stay vigilant. We continue to support communication of all safety, wellness, and mitigation practices that protects us all. After many considerations, and out of an abundance of safety, the CIIC Executive Board had made a very tough decision to cancel our 2021 conference. Roger Smith, CIIC Board President said, “We value the health and wellness of our communities that we serve. We do not want to compromise the safety of any community members, attendees, or their families.”

For over a year and a half, CIIC has heard many stories from Indian country that display the resilience of Indian country. We continue to encourage the sharing of these stories. Stories of lessons learned from protecting our homelands, people, our advancing industry, and tribes share new ways in facing the challenges of fighting the pandemic – while meeting the needs of the communities and businesses.

The conference planning committee provided a theme that reflects the continued state of Indian country and industry, Rebuilding with Resilience. They worked tirelessly to provide a timely agenda that is responsive to the unfolding events within the construction, planning, and designing sectors of our industry. The committee will continue building an impactful agenda with informative sessions, learning opportunities, and dynamic general sessions. This agenda, along with invitations for our speakers and planned events, will be transferred over to the anticipated CIIC 2022 conference. Refer to the website at https://ciic.construction.asu.edu for the latest updates and deadlines such as session proposal deadlines. Soon, CIIC will announce the new dates and venue for the CIIC 2022 National Conference to be held in the spring 2022.

The annual CIIC Student Foundation Golf tournament on October 29th will continue as planned, following all CDC pandemic guidelines and protocols.

CIIC wishes all supporters, friends, and communities to continue to stay safe, healthy, and tuned in on forthcoming communications.

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Construction in Indian Country® (CIIC) was created with guidance from the Advisor to the Office of the President of Arizona State University for American Indian Affairs and a Committee of individuals from Arizona and New Mexico Indian tribes. They convened to determine to enhance the quality of tribally sponsored or tribal entity sponsored construction projects in construction management occurring on tribal lands.