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Dreamt into existence for decades, the Center for Tribal Nations celebrates and catalyzes the power of Indigenous peoples' cultures and presence on the river.

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The **Center** for **Tribal Nations** (CTN) is a first of its kind opportunity to heal past and contemporary injustices as a multi-use center that will meet Indigenous peoples' economic and cultural needs in the Portland Metro Area.

Share our vision of a future where the citizens of tribal nations and Indigenous peoples' economic and social wellbeing is supported, and our cultures and sovereignty are not just respected, but celebrated.

We are excited to share with you today an early look at the Center for Tribal Nations – a Native-owned and Native-led gathering place prominently located along the shore of the Willamette River in Portland.

The American Indian and Alaska Native community, currently numbering more than 89,000 and representing more than 380 Tribal affiliations, is diverse, vibrant, and making important contributions to the quality of life for the city of Portland and the region.

The Center for Tribal Nations will be a vibrant Indigenous hub – the centerpiece of a one-of-a-kind neighborhood. Built by integrating innovation, culture, arts, and science learning at the heart of the OMSI District here in the central city of Portland. Similar to revitalization efforts led by communities in districts like Portland's Albina neighborhood, the historic cultural hub of the city's African American community – the **Center** for **Tribal Nations** is a powerful opportunity to:

- Honor the past by transforming what exists today into a vibrant and inclusive community of residents, businesses, artists, creators, and visitors.
- Make Portland a national and international model for supporting cultural expressions and engagement with Tribal nations and Indigenous people.





### **RESTORE A PHYSICAL PRESENCE**

The CTN will restore the Native community to the banks of the Willamette for the first time in 200 years in response to the history of displacement, disenfranchisement and cultural erasure. The CTN will also tackle sustainability, resilience, and inclusion challenges while demonstrating new approaches to sustainable and resilient buildings and infrastructure.



#### **ESTABLISH A GATHERING PLACE**

The CTN will serve as a cultural exchange and educational platform, as well as a community gathering space and cultural embassy for Native people and Tribal and Inter-Tribal organizations in the Portland metropolitan region.



## **INCREASE ACCESS**

The CTN aims to tackle social and economic inequity by providing a space for cultural, office, educational, health, and housing resources. It consolidates office space for Native, Tribal, and Inter-Tribal organizations, resulting in better access to services and opportunities at a reduced cost to organizations in the region.



## **CREATE ECONOMIC IMPACT**

The self-sustaining CTN will expand economic and social opportunities for Native people in Portland and the Pacific Northwest through Tribal ownership and investment opportunities, Native-owned businesses, new job creation, and long-term economic impact.