

## **Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana**

The Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana (ITC) serves a population of 20,000 members of Chitimacha, Coushatta, Tunica-Biloxi, United Houma Nation, and Jena (Jeena) Band of Choctaw tribal communities and serves all tribes within the consortium, plus state recognized tribes that reside in the state of Louisiana.

In 1979, the Tribes of Louisiana created a non-profit arm of ITC, Institute for Indian Development, designed to introduce, implement, and establish entrepreneurial and economic development initiatives for tribes and individuals. Today's mission prepares the NEW Generation of tribal youth and adults for the skills and training needed to compete in a global marketplace.

ITC of Louisiana is currently working with the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs to identify qualified participants for scholarship awards. Currently ITC has served over 104 participants for the Program Year; with 37% gaining full-time employment, while maintaining a 92% job retention rate. Four percent are currently enrolled in a GED program, 17% of participants are currently seeking or enrolled in certification and/or credential programs, 67% of the total participants were provided intensive work experience and /or occupational training and ITC is currently providing services to 48 new participants.

In addition, ITC has been awarded the Workforce Innovation Funds grant that is a regional partnership between Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. This grant is also being used in conjunction with services provided by the section 166 program. ITC of Louisiana has done an excellent job of leveraging resources and seeking alternative resources for their organization and clients in areas that have been hard hit by natural disasters.