# COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

## FORMS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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**Denver, Colorado** (October 5, 2011) - The Economic Opportunities and Resources Committee CRS 24-44-103(1) formed on July 1, 2011 provides significant support to Native Americans. The Goal of the Economic Opportunities and Resources Committee is to promote economic development, while preserving tribal sovereignty, cultural resources, and values. A-sa-ma-di Business Solutions is dedicated to the mission and vision of this committee and the Founder Andrea Lesher is the residing Co-Chair of the committee.

Economic Opportunities and Resource Committee members:

**Chair:** *Michelle M. Fix-Westall*, Xcel Energy

**Co-Chair:** *Andrea Lesher*, A-sa-ma-di Business Solutions Business Owner
RMICC Business of the Year 2010

**Secretary:** *Carol Harvey*, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Executive Secretary, Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs

**Member:** *Rodney Class-Erickson*, Tribal Planner, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

**Member:** *Robert (Bob) Randall*, Deputy Director.
Department of Natural Resources

**Member:** *Wally White*, County Commissioner, La Plata County CCIA Ex-officer

**Member:** *Chet Blue Sky*, Attorney, National Labor Relations Board, Denver

**Member:** *Brett Lee Shelton*, Attorney, Smith, Shelton& Ragona, LLC

**Member:** *David Liberman*, Attorney, Law Office of David Liberman LLC

**Statutory Duties:**

CRS 24-44-103(1)

(b) To investigate the needs of the Indians of this state and to provide technical assistance in the preparation of plans for the alleviation of such needs;

(c) To cooperate with and secure the assistance of local, state, and federal governments or any agencies thereof in formulating and coordinating programs regarding Indian affairs adopted or planned by the federal government so that the full benefit of such programs will accrue to the Indians of this state;

(d) To review all proposed or pending legislation and amendments to existing legislation affecting Indians in this state;

(h) To accept and receive gifts, funds, grants, bequests, and devices for use in furthering the purposes of the commission;

(i) To contract with public or private bodies to provide services and facilities for promoting the welfare of the Indian people;

(j) To make legislative recommendations.

*Andrea Lesher* is the Founder and CEO of A-sa-ma-di Business Solutions (ABS), a Native American, woman-owned small 8(a) business, that specializes in optimizing business performance through the delivery of innovative solutions designed to meet our customer's business requirements. ABS provides business management and Information Technology solutions tailored to meet the dynamic needs of our Federal, State and Local, and commercial clients.

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If you would like additional information about this committee or to discuss further with Andrea Lesher, please contact Kate Kretzer at katek@asamadi.com