

## **News Release**

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### **Small Investment by NM Voters Will Create Enormous Impact** *Education Bond D Will Benefit Next Generation of American Indian Leaders*

Santa Fe, NM – The Institute of American Indian Arts is included to receive \$500,000 as part of a statewide general obligation bond “d” on the November 4, 2008 ballot to complete the construction of its Science and Technology Building. The new building is a priority as outlined in the school’s strategic plan (“Plan 2012”). It will greatly improve the Institute’s ability to train the next generation of American Indian professionals in new media arts, providing high-tech facilities for graphic design and film instruction. New laboratories, classrooms and office spaces will promote the delivery of science instruction integral to IAIA’s degree and general education requirements. The Science and Technology building will also provide a climate and pest controlled space to house the only museum collection in the country centered on contemporary American Indian art, the IAIA Museum’s National Collection of Contemporary Native American Art.

Bond D is paid for by a modest property tax assessment of about 29 cents per year per \$1,000 of a property’s taxable value. For example, citizens with a property assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$9.77 per year. In addition to the Science and Technology building at IAIA, the \$139.9 million bond will benefit the Santa Fe Community College and the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe County as well as provide funding for 22 other projects at colleges across New Mexico.

Dr. Robert Martin (Cherokee), the President of IAIA says, “Everyone can agree that improving higher education is important, and everyone has a stake in Bond D’s success. Investing in education is one of the best things our state can do to ensure the creation of higher paying jobs, growing the economy and moving the state forward.”

The Institute of American Indian Arts is the nation's only college devoted to teaching studio arts, creative writing, new media arts, Indigenous liberal studies, and museum studies from a Native perspective. It is also the only school in New Mexico to receive accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. With more than 240 full time students, IAIA participates in degree transfer programs with Santa Fe Community College and Central New Mexico Community College, providing easy options for New Mexico students to obtain their studio arts and other degrees. For more information about the Institute of American Indian Arts, please visit [www.iaia.edu](http://www.iaia.edu) or call 505.424-2300.

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