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## **Kitchell Native American Division's Jeff Begay elected president of American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers**

(PHOENIX) Nov. 2, 2006 — Jeff Begay, Business Development Manager with Kitchell's Native American Division, was elected president of American Indian Council of Architect and Engineers (AICAE). The election was held on October 27 in San Diego during the Fall AICAE Conference in San Diego, California. Begay will serve a two-year term.

Begay, a member of the Navajo tribe, has been active in the organization since 2002; he was first elected to the board in 2003. Begay succeeds Ken Robbins, president of Arctic Slope (ASCG Inc.) of Barrows, Alaska, a native-American-owned engineering, architectural and technical services firm in Anchorage, Alaska. Robert Outland, AIA, a Choctaw, is the new AICAE vice-president/president-elect. Outland is managing partner of M+O+A Architectural Partnership in Denver, Colorado.

Begay has participated in all of its spring and fall conferences, including the 2006 AICAE Summer Conference, held in June, 2006 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He focused on the message of promoting cultural sensitivity and overcoming barriers to development in Indian Country.

A key purpose of AICAE is to advance the role and professional skills of American Indian professional construction managers, engineers, architects and design professionals, and to promote recognition of members' professional excellence, service, projects and contributions. The organization also seeks to encourage American Indians to pursue careers in the field—in essence, to help Indian nations to “grow their own” so the tribes will have increased knowledge and leadership within their own ranks.

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