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NW SHOSHONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

BRIGHAM CITY - December 22, 2005 - Four members of the Northwestern Shoshone Tribe were recently recognized by the State of Utah's Division of Indian Affairs, during the Indigenous Day Awards Dinner in downtown Salt Lake City.

Bruce Parry, Executive Director, Northwestern Shoshone, was awarded Visionary of the Year and Jon Warner, Housing Director, Northwestern Shoshone, was awarded Housing Director of the Year.

Parry and Warner are officers of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation Economic Development Corporation that spearhead business ventures for the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation. NWB Technology, LLC, is a tribal-owned, 8(a), HUB Zone-certified company wholly owned by the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation Economic Development Corporation. NWB Technology is able to deliver computer, electrical and mechanical engineering to federal or private sector locations. NWB Technology also provides construction services for the Department of Defense, Homeland Security and other federal agencies.

In addition to Parry and Warner, Leland Pubigee and Helen Timbimboo were honored with Preserving Language Award. Both Pubigee and Timbimboo teach the Shoshone language through the University of Utah's Center for American Indian Languages. The tribal members received their awards at the Indigenous Day Dinner at the Grand America Hotel, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The awards come shortly before the publication of *Coyote Steals Fire* - a book arts project that will be released Jan. 13 in Salt Lake City. The book project began in January of 2003, when tribal members met intensively for six months to learn writing and illustrating techniques. Tribal members then selected a legend from their traditional stories, adapted it and illustrated it. The end result is a

beautiful entertaining story about how the Shoshone acquired fire.

The Northwestern Shoshone's homeland is the Southeast corner of Idaho, Northern and Western Utah.

Jan. 29, 2006 will commemorate the Bear River Massacre of 1863, where approximately 300 Shoshone men, women, and children were killed in an attack on their village along the banks of the Bear River in Southeastern Idaho near present day Preston, Idaho. In March 2003 the tribe reacquired the lands comprising the massacre site. The tribe has current plans of developing that site with a monument to memorialize those fallen tribal members.

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